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## From the Editor

Dear Readers:

As you have no doubt noticed, we have delivered a magazine that *looks* quite different. It's full color and slightly bigger—we increased the size from 8 ½ by 11 inches to 9 ½ by 11 ½ inches—with improved paper finish and quality. These changes are consistent with the excellence you expect from Wartburg College.

While you read this issue, you'll notice the content has changed, too. We eliminated the news and sports sections, as the information simply wasn't "new" by the time the magazine reached you. Many keep up with Wartburg through methods like our alumni listserv (subscribe by e-mailing [alumni@wartburg.edu](mailto:alumni@wartburg.edu)) and [www.go-knights.net](http://www.go-knights.net) and [www.wartburg.edu](http://www.wartburg.edu). As a result, this new magazine will focus on information you can't get elsewhere. Another big change I hope you'll enjoy is that you can submit photography and other artwork for the back cover.

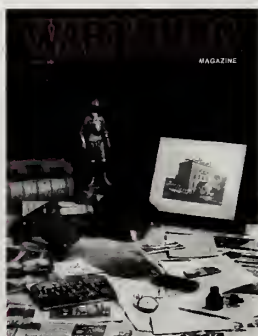
This redesign debut focuses on other new beginnings, too. The cover story on Zach Parham '07 of Anamosa, Iowa, (page 2) covers his motorcycle building project and post-graduation plans.

This issue also marks publication of the first magazine feature by Michelle Caldwell '08 of Washington, Iowa, (page 4). Check out her profile of the incomparable Dan Wardell '98, too (page 20).

While there are a lot of new things to take in, I promise we remain committed to delivering a quality magazine. As always, I'm open to your calls, letters and e-mails. I promise the look of *Wartburg Magazine* has changed but "Being Orange" hasn't.

Karris

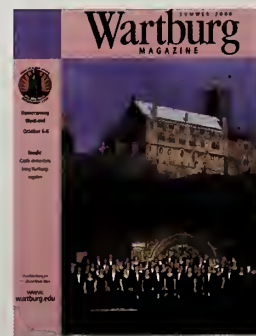
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### On the cover:

Zach Parham '07 of Anamosa, Iowa, shows off the motorcycle he built primarily during the Winter Term of his sophomore year at Wartburg. The motorcycle is now on display at J&P Cycles in Anamosa, Zach's family business. The story begins on page 2. (Photo by Pam Proctor of J&P Cycles, used by permission.)

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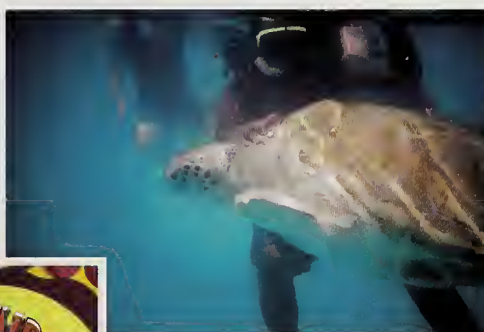
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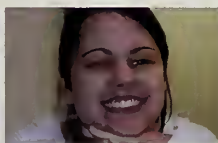
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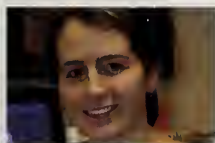
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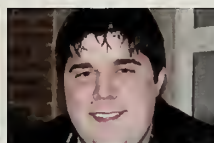
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# Mind Over Motor

by Karris Golden '98



Zach Parham '07 project bike, "Chaos"

Photo courtesy of J&P Cycles

**A**s a perennial Wartburg dean's list fixture and successful eBay entrepreneur, Zach Parham '07 of Anamosa, Iowa, has bright career prospects.

While attending Wartburg, Zach completed a job shadowing experience in Asia and honed his business skills. This fall, he plans to take the Certified Public Accountant exam.

But despite his bright outlook, accounting is a "fallback plan," because within Zach beats the heart of a gear-head businessman.

Upon graduation, Zach went to work full-time at J&P Cycles, a company founded by his father in 1979. As a nod toward his intended career, Zach built a motorcycle that he dubbed "Chaos." The project bike signifies his intention to commit himself to serious work doing something he loves. "If I'm going to be in the motorcycle industry, it's important that I learn what it takes to actually build a motorcycle," Zach explains.

With the proliferation of popular television shows on motorcycle building, such as Discovery Channel's *American Chopper*, some may have the impression that anyone with a set of plans and a few tools can build a bike. "Those TV shows make it look easy," Zach says. "What they don't show is that if a part doesn't fit, you have to change it, weld it or fix it some other way. Things don't just work perfectly, and you can't make them."



Zach Parham '07



Chaos is based on Zach's design. His objective was to build a bike primarily using parts and materials that can be purchased from the J&P Cycles catalog.

He began the project during his sophomore year at Wartburg. "I had Tuesdays off during that Winter Term, so I'd drive home and work on it. We only worked on it while I was there, so it took awhile."

Over the next six months, he and professional motorcycle technician Kody Wisner of J&P Cycles worked on the bike. As it took shape, an interesting problem arose: Zach's intricate design meant that even he had to wait for parts.

"Chaos is painted down the front side of the frame," Zach explains. " 'Chaos' is how I built it; it was a chaotic time."

Despite the frenzied pace at which Zach juggled school, his eBay business, the building project and other activities, he had a firm foundation.

To many, it seemed a given that the son of motorcycle magnates John and Jill Parham would build a motorcycle.

Likewise, moving full-time into the family business is natural. However, Zach says his dad left career decisions up to him. Wartburg provided a "good foundation in general business practices," Zach says, and he now plans to define his role at J&P Cycles.

"I'm open to finding my niche," he says. "We have opened a retail store in Daytona (Fla.), and I'd like to work on that. I like motorcycles a lot; it seems like more fun than work."

Zach believes his May Term in Hong Kong solidified his feelings about working at J&P Cycles. There, he shadowed Tom Ellsworth, who works in product development for Kuryakyn, an international company that produces custom parts and accessories for Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

"I followed him to learn about what he does," Zach says. "We visited 33 parts manufacturers. It was good for me, because I got to see how the different things (J&P Cycles) sells are made. That's helpful, because then when you're helping a customer, you understand how a part fits, how it was made, how it was chromed—everything."

During the visit, the pair also traveled to Taiwan and other parts of the Republic of China. Zach's post-graduation plans include a return visit to East Asia.

The experience also helped Zach understand J&P Cycles' modest beginnings. When his dad started the company in 1979, it was a distributor of Harley-Davidson parts and operated primarily out of a dirt-floor garage.

In the ensuing years, John Parham built J&P Cycles into a multimillion-dollar business. It is the world's largest retailer of aftermarket parts and accessories for Harley-Davidson and Metric Cruiser motorcycles. John is now considered a motorcycle legend and was inducted into the Sturgis (S.D.) Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2006. The Parhams are also widely known advocates who promote the motorcycling industry across the globe.

“(Wartburg) provided a good foundation in general business practices.”

— Zach Parham '07



Zach's rare, custom-made tank was made by Redneck Engineering in South Carolina.

The seat leather was crafted for "Chaos" by a horse saddle-maker from Marion, Iowa. The Chaos seat was the woman's first motorcycle "saddle." Zach cut the pan for the seat and used an electric kitchen knife to shave memory foam to fit inside. The saddle-maker stitched "Parham" into the seat's leather. Painter Scott Takes designed the lettering used for "Parham."

The custom paint job for Chaos was designed by famed motorcycle artist Scott Takes of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The tribal flame in silver, black and red symbolizes the chaotic conditions under which Zach built the motorcycle.

Blessed with this motorcycling legacy, Zach started out on dirt bikes at a young age. He graduated to street bikes at 16 after taking a Motorcycle Safety Foundation course. Today, he also owns a 2007 Harley-Davidson Street Glide.

At the end of July, Zach and his father regularly ride their motorcycles to Sturgis, S.D., for the annual motorcycle rally. Each year, father and son leave from a different destination—Orange County, Calif., Las Vegas, Seattle—and plan to depart from the Carolinas this year.

But Zach won't make the 1,000-plus mile journey on Chaos, which is primarily a show bike and has already been featured in motorcycling magazines.

Like many high-end "show motorcycles" being built today, Chaos is great to look at but requires skills to ride. After all, the bike is 10 feet long and its front end is raked at a 49-degree angle.

"It's not too hard to ride, as long as you're going straight," Zach says.

The handmade seat does offer some comfort, with adjustable air compression that raises and lowers the seat.

To increase the bike's power, Zach took a 92-inch S&S motor and upgraded the cam and other parts.

In the looks department, Zach went to well-known painter Scott Takes of Underground Art Studios in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who has done famous custom paint jobs for motorcycling elite.

For Chaos, Zach let Takes interpret his vision of the theme for the paint job. The result is a tribal flame design in silver, black and red.

In all, Zach estimates Chaos' worth in the neighborhood of \$50,000. "If this wasn't my first bike—if I had a big name—it would sell for about \$70,000."

But Zach wouldn't sell the first motorcycle he built, right? "I think I will sell it, to build another one," he says, smiling. "I'll build another one I can ride more often."

Golden is assistant director of Wartburg Communication and Marketing and edits Wartburg Magazine.



# Orange Anatomy

## Nearly 100% accepted into med schools

by Michelle Caldwell '08

**T**he Wartburg College science department continues to make a name for itself as the percentage of students accepted in graduate schools “soars.”

College statistics report nearly 100 percent of Wartburg students who applied to dental, physical training, optometry, veterinarian medicine, occupational therapy, nursing, chiropractic medicine and medical technology schools were accepted in the past decade.

Dr. Ferol Menzel, vice president for academic affairs, notes there are a number of factors that contribute to this success.

“First, we have a strong faculty that challenges students in the classroom and provide excellent advising,” said Menzel. “Second, the new science center includes state of the art scientific equipment and dedicated laboratory space for students and faculty to work together, and, third, the undergraduate research program provides students with the problem-solving, research, and communication skills necessary to be successful in graduate school.”

Dr. Edith Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management, says having such an incredibly high placement rate speaks to the quality of our academic programs, especially in science programs. These numbers aren’t hurting recruitment efforts, either.

“Even for those students who do not plan to go into health-related fields, it is impressive to know that you will be at a college that has such a high rate of success in the sciences,” says Waldstein.

Those statistics were the reason Rachel Young '07 of Mount Vernon, Iowa, chose Wartburg when she opted to transfer colleges after one semester at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn.

Young, a biology and chemistry major, says students get to know their professors at Wartburg with the small classes. She says many also take advantage of the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) preparation course offered by faculty members.

“Wartburg focuses its curriculum on courses relevant to health sciences, which has given me a good background on which to build in my science courses at Iowa.”

— Joel Reynolds '05

West Des Moines, a dental student at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry

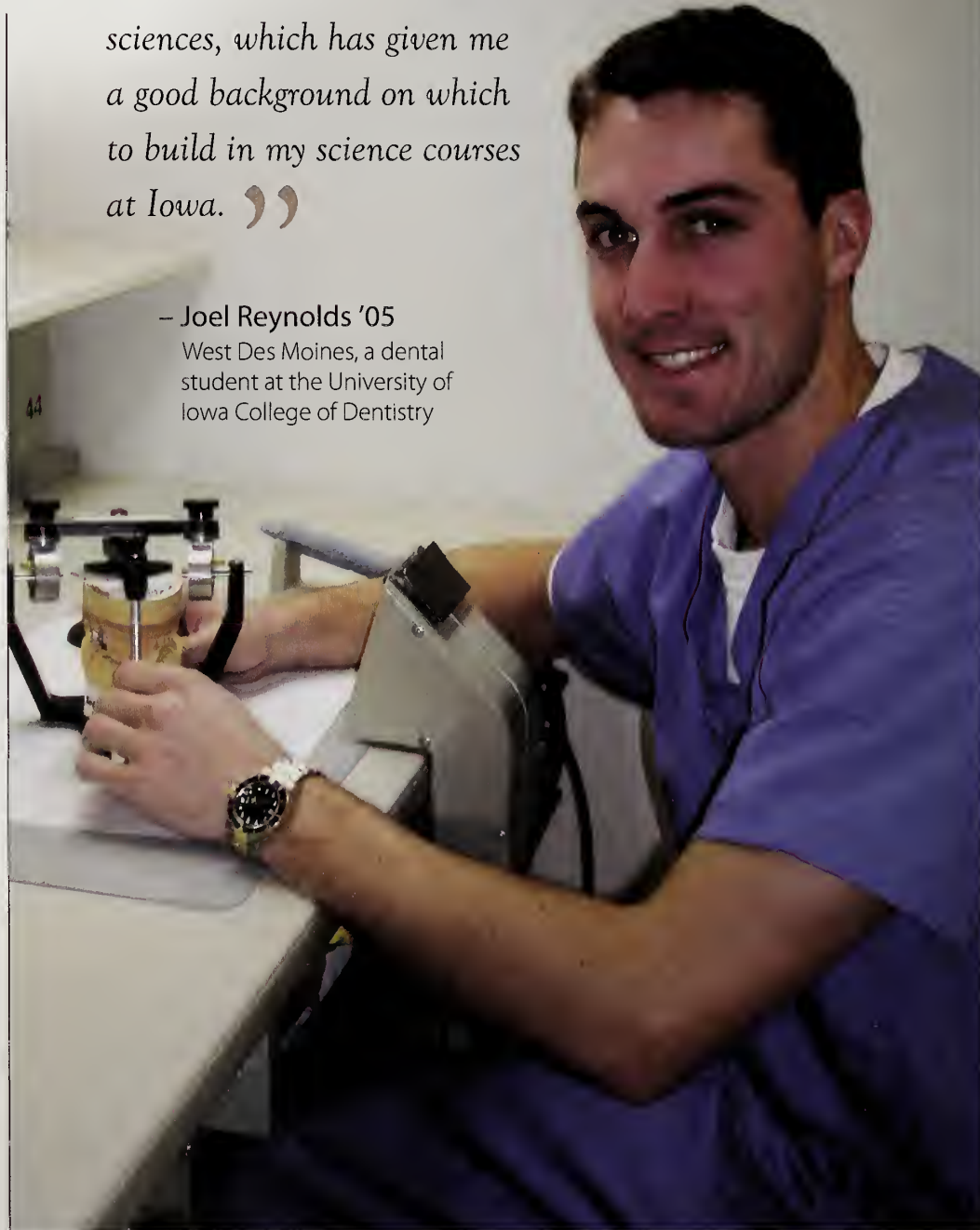


Photo courtesy of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry

# Wartburg partners with Waverly Health Center



Rachel Young '07 of Mount Vernon, Iowa, consults with Dr. Roy Ventullo, Burk-Will Chair in Biology, during a microbiology lab session. A biology and chemistry major, Young transferred to Wartburg from another college and says small class sizes helped her get to know her professors.

These classes have been paying off, too. Dr. Ed Westen, assistant professor of biology, notes that in the past two years, Wartburg's M CAT scores have risen 4.5 points.

The postgraduate process involves a lot of work, and Westen says his students know what they want and work hard to fulfill their goals from the beginning. "We have them come in and evaluate the plan during their first year," said Westen. "We talk extensively about medical school. Some want to throw in the towel and don't want to spend the time, but my job is to encourage them."

One motivator is firsthand experience. Students are immersed in the field by a new partnership with the Waverly Health Center. There is also an informal relationship with Bartels Lutheran Home where students can work as Certified Nursing Assistants. Recently, Allen College of Nursing in Waterloo, Iowa, agreed to partner with Wartburg in medical programs.

Menzel says the increase in the number of majors has gone from 196 in fall 2000 to 285 in fall 2006. Wartburg's faculty is known for preparing students. Recent graduate students say professors and the curriculum that includes biology and chemistry prepared them for their graduate courses.

Joel Reynolds '05 of West Des Moines, Iowa, a dental student at the University of Iowa College of

Wartburg premedical students go above and beyond college requirements; they get an in-depth look at life inside a hospital before entering postgraduate education.

The Waverly Health Center has partnered with Wartburg to give premed majors a chance to volunteer at the hospital, better understand the culture and get an inside perspective working with doctors, nurses and specialty clinics.

Now in its second year, the program allows sophomores to donate 30 or more hours volunteering in departments throughout the health center. Juniors get more involved by actually going into the operating rooms with obstetricians and gynecologists, general surgery, emergency room, ambulance and the specialty ear, nose and throat clinic.

Since the premedical program at Wartburg has been on the rise, faculty saw a need for an organized partnership with the local hospital to give students more exposure, explains Jo Lynn Dorrance, internship coordinator.

The scheduling this year has been challenging for Dorrance, with 19 students shadowing doctors and 30 students volunteering in different departments.

The new partnership should help attract strong students to Wartburg, added Dorrance.

"Well-rounded students can show this on their medical school application. It shows students committed to volunteering, (and offers) exposure in an operating room and shadowing medical professionals for a few years," said Dorrance.

"In addition to the premedical majors, the college intends to involve the music, art and theatre departments at the hospital to provide entertainment for patients, their families and staff."

—Michelle Caldwell



Becky LeVan '08, a pre-medical biochemistry major from Elgin, Minn., shadowed two doctors who specialize in obstetrics and gynecology at Waverly Health Center during Fall Term 2006. The experience resulted in her decision to focus on OB/GYN when she goes to medical school.



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Dentistry, had a full plate when he attended Wartburg. He was a busy biology major and a member of the baseball team. Wartburg definitely gave him a solid background and prepared him for graduate courses at Iowa.



Rachel Young '07 is among the recent graduates that credit Wartburg for preparing them for graduate school.

"Wartburg focuses its curriculum on courses relevant to health sciences, which has given me a good background on which to build in my science courses at Iowa," said Reynolds. "I felt very prepared for most of the science classes offered at the College of Dentistry because of my strong background from Wartburg."

Derek Solheim '93, associate director of Pathways Center for career services, says his office plays a small role in helping students interested in medicine, noting that faculty's help is best. Solheim says professors' referrals and associations with the college have given students a great advantage.

Jacquelyn Novak '06 of Waukon, Iowa, is a first-year physician's assistant student at Des Moines University. She credits Solheim and the Pathways staff for helping her in the graduate school interview process. Novak says the professors at Wartburg went above and beyond in helping her, too.

## Wartburg, Allen offer joint nursing degree program

The Wartburg biology department has the highest percentage of students on campus. This growth, attributed in part to the opening of the Science Center in 2004, has led to the formation of a health partnership.

Allen College of Nursing in Waterloo, Iowa, teamed up with Wartburg, giving students the opportunity to earn both a Bachelor of Science of Nursing degree from Allen and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wartburg.

Participants benefit from programs at both institutions, vice president for enrollment management Dr. Edith Waldstein said. "Students who select any of these options would have the privileges of degree-seeking students at Wartburg, both while here and while at Allen," she explained. "That means students could live in our residence halls and participate in all co-curricular activities."

Dr. Jerry Durham, Allen College chancellor, said the accelerated BSN program began in May, and he is optimistic about the future of these students.

"Earning two degrees from excellent institutions holds the potential for very interesting study and career opportunities following graduation," said Durham.

The program will give students three different options. They can take their first two years at Wartburg, then finish their remaining two years at Allen College, earning a BSN from Allen.

Another alternative is to attend three years at Wartburg and then do an accelerated program through Allen that includes a summer session. These students will earn a BA from Wartburg and a BSN from Allen.

The final option lets students earn both a BA and a BSN from Wartburg and Allen, respectively. Students will attend Wartburg for four years, then go to Allen for an accelerated year.

"The combination of a Bachelor of Arts degree with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing will make for a powerful credential that will pay dividends in job placement and career advancement," Waldstein added. —Karris Golden



Wartburg and Allen College of Nursing in Waterloo, Iowa, have teamed to offer students a joint BA/BSN degree program.

**WEBCETERA:** For more information other related programs, start at <http://www.wartburg.edu/biology/>.



"They not only gave me books and resources, they wrote letters of recommendation and counseled me on choosing the right school and prepared me for interviewing and even classes at PA school," said Novak.

Novak also noted that, when interviewing, schools were very impressed with the college's methods in writing and actually doing the research projects, writing manuscripts and the teamwork in the classroom.

Many credit the success in large part to the faculty. However, Westen considers himself a "guide" for students to help them find schools and prepare them for continuing education.

"The program [at Wartburg] is just so established," said Young. "We are known [by graduate school professors] to be prepared, so it is nice to go to a school [Wartburg] with such a reputation."

*Caldwell is a communication arts major from Washington, Iowa.*



As a first-year student in the physician's assistant program at Des Moines University, Jacqueline Novak '06 (left) worked directly with patients. She says her experiences at Wartburg helped her transition to graduate school.

# Send us a photo of your favorite GMCS memory

Did you study abroad through Global and Multicultural Studies or take an off-campus May Term course while you were at Wartburg? Send us a photo of your experience.



The person submitting the photo must be the photographer. Include your name, class year, where the photo was taken and the name of the course. Briefly explain what the course opportunity meant to you. Submissions must be 4 by 6 or 3 by 5 inches and should not be mounted.

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# Photo Essay: Global & Multicultural Studies

Each academic year, the Global and Multicultural Studies program sponsors a photo contest for students who have taken part in off-campus immersion study of another culture. The photos on these pages were selected for top honors in the GMCS photo contest.

## Photo Contest Winners



### *Boats on the Amazon River*

#### First Place

*Erin Wright '07 of Mount Vernon, Iowa, traveled in Brazil*

"This picture was taken in Ponta de Pedras, Brazil. It is a city about three hours into the interior of the Amazon River, where 1,000 people live. After spending my time in the cities on the coast of Brazil, I traveled to the Amazon River Valley and spent two weeks taking boat rides down the river to towns that were shocked to see a "foreigner" appear. This picture is a beautiful shot of the sun going down on the river but also gives the viewer an idea of what life is like on the Amazon. These boats are also homes for the people that make their living fishing with them".

### *Living*

#### Second Place

*Emily Harkins '08 of Lakewood, Colo., traveled in South Africa*

"Walking down the streets of the broken and poverty-stricken township of Masiphumelele in South Africa, it was obvious that this was a world with which I was not familiar. However, I have never seen a place with more spirit, honesty and hope. The spirit that defines these people is one that can be adopted by all. It was not enough to look at the condition of the squatter shacks they call home, but to look at the optimism and gratitude toward the life they have been given. This emphasis on life that these Africans emulate calls all humans to look at life for the precious gift that it is. It is no longer enough to simply have a life. We are called to live it and live it well. This is a cultural phenomenon as my world focuses primarily on the material commodities and the steps we can take to better ourselves. Often times people, myself included, focus on the negative rather than the small, yet good things that bring hope to this sometimes seemingly futile world. These women represent an unending desire to live with the honesty of their world and life."







## Black Spider

### Third Place

*Eliza Block '08 of Kissimmee, Fla., traveled in Australia*

I took the photo of the black spider on Fraser Island, the world's largest all-sand island, which is located on the northeastern coast of Queensland, Australia. I was with an exploration group with people from Australia, France, England, Germany and America who had all traveled to see the many wonders of Fraser Island. Near the end of our quest, someone spotted the spider. Since I had never before seen such a large and dangerous arachnid in the wild, I found capturing this photo of it exhilarating. Others in my exploration group were also eager to snap a shot of the elusive spider, and I felt great camaraderie with them because of our rare discovery.



## My Cup of Tea

### Faculty and Staff Choice

*Brianna Zeigler '07 of Eagan, Minn., traveled in India*

"When I was in India, I was so lucky to get to spend an entire month completely immersed in chai! This woman is a tea plucker in Darjeeling. She spends her days in the garden picking the buds off the tops of the tea bushes. When I met her, I wondered if she realized she lived in the most beautiful place in the world, or if beauty was only relative. She had never known anything different—and maybe even though she lived in a fair-trade village, the fact that she lived in poverty impeded her ability to understand the beauty that surrounded her. Every day she stands amidst the clouds, and when they lift she has a front row view of Mount Kanchenzonga, the third-highest mountain in the world. I grew up drinking tea multiple times a day, and I think that's what made this experience so significant for me. Now when I drink tea, I think of the wind-blown face, the weathered-hands and the mystical hills."

## Afua

### Student Choice

*Rachel Shellabarger '07 of Blue Grass, Iowa, traveled in Ghana*



"Her name is Afua, though they called her my "little friend" at the children's hospital. Afua was the first child of the 30 or more participants in the Nutrition Rehabilitation program to warm up to me; when others shied away from me because of my pale skin, Afua crept toward me with an interest rarely found in children or adults. During my three weeks with the program, we gained an understanding of each other outside of verbal communication, a relationship far more complex than my Twi phrases of "Good morning" and "I'm going home" could express. Afua and I played our own versions of Hide and Seek; If I Can't See You, You Can't See Me; and Throw the Shoe at Rachel. These games sent me back to the carefree days of single-digit age. For me, Afua's tiny frame will forever embody the soul of Ghana: She was shy, gentle and unsure at times, but always solid, strong and confident with what she wanted underneath. A streak of pride when she was challenged, accompanied by an almost unheard of willingness to share what little she had, made her an exhilarating blend."



# Classroom + Athletics = Tropical Adventure

Wartburg track teams integrate classroom, training in Barbados



by Mark Adkins '90

C oach Marcus Newsom wanted more than a training trip for his 2006-07 Wartburg men's and women's track and field teams.

With help from Dr. Joyce Boss of the Global and Multicultural Studies program, an idea took shape.

"College isn't just about the athletic experience," Newsom said. "I wanted our athletes to dig into some history and cultural study of the Caribbean when we decided to take our trip to Barbados in December."

"I see it as a tremendous experience," he added. "They all got a different look at the culture, due to what Dr. Boss had them work on."

A group of 16 track and field athletes studied different elements of the culture of Barbados and the Caribbean on site while training for the 2007 competition season. The classroom portion was a Winter Term course for participants.

Boss taught the course and broke the students up into project groups. As part of the class, each group delivered a presentation on their topics.

"This was a very successful venture," she said. "I credit Marcus for wanting this trip to be something more than just a competition. He did all of the legwork through the travel agency, setting up two lecture speakers for the students. He really wanted them to learn the culture and history of where they were going to be."

Newsom and Boss want to see the course continue, Boss added. "I think there may be

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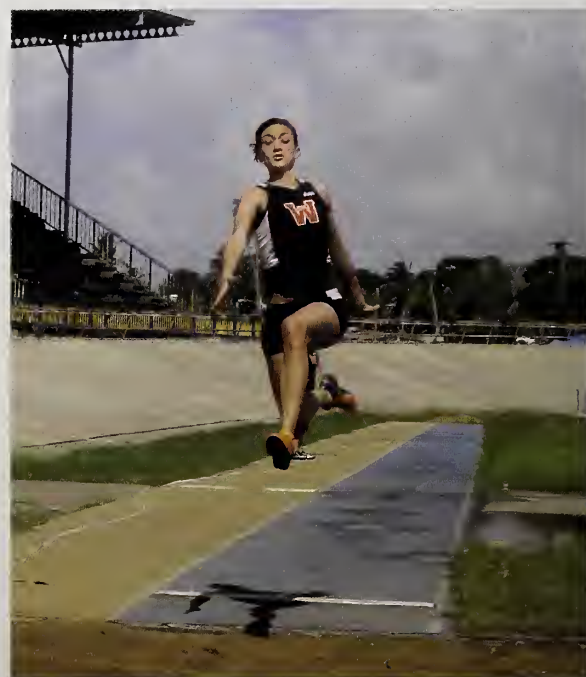
– Coach Marcus Newsom

an even larger opportunity for athletic teams on campus to integrate academics with their sports on these types of trips. I'm excited to see what comes out of this on that type of bigger picture."

John Kuckelman '09 of Keokuk, Iowa, majors in political science and saw the experience as a way to put his studies into practice.

"I didn't realize that Barbados and the United States had so many similarities in their governmental election process or in (how) the governments run the respective countries," he said. "Our group, studying those similarities, got into some really cool trivia, especially on George Washington. It seems that our first president set up a hybrid of how he wanted our government to run on a trip to the islands before he became our leader."

Hannah Baker '10 of Keota, Iowa, and her trip study group learned about the



Hannah Baker '10 of Keota, Iowa, leaps off the runway in the long jump competition in Barbados. The Knights men's and women's track squads trained against local club teams during their December trip.

Photo by Amy Koester '07 of Gladbrook, Iowa





In January, members of the Wartburg men's and women's track and field teams took advantage of a unique opportunity to train for the 2006-07 indoor and outdoor seasons and gain classroom experience through Global and Multicultural Studies. The team competed against Barbados' top athletes in an open meet in the country's only international athletic stadium (above) in the capital city of Bridgetown.

different foods and nutritional values in Barbados.

"You've got to like your food spicy down there," she said. "All of us on the trip really enjoyed sampling the different dishes, but there is a lot of heat to it. I think the entire group fell in love with the 'flying fish' dish."

Rachel Brincks '07 of Carroll, Iowa, and her group studied the effects of the sugar cane industry relationship between Barbados and the United States.

"We also got a look at the tourism industry and how important it is to Barbados," she said. "They really sell this area as a warm weather resort stop for tourists around the world. However, if you look beyond those resorts on the coast, it is rather depressed for the majority of the locals. Our group found out that a little bit of the reason for that is because the (United States) doesn't use the country's sugar cane crop as its chief method for obtaining sugar anymore, due to Hawaii's ability to grow it."

Beyond the academic portion of the trip, the athletes got a firsthand look at gifted Caribbean competitors.

"These were 16-, 17-, 18 year-old athletes we were competing against, but they were really good," Baker said.

Kuckelman appreciated some training time in a warm climate, prior to the indoor and outdoor seasons. "The meet we competed in wasn't high pressure," he said. "We had to get used to island time, which means starting later than scheduled, and competing against anybody that wanted to show up. It was, all in all, a lot of fun."

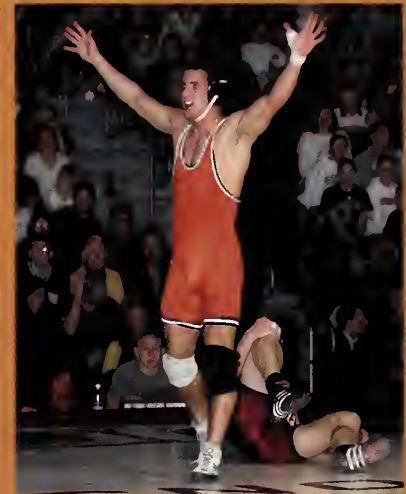
All participants appreciated this glimpse into another culture.

"The competition and training part of it was good, but I still can't get over the different cultural things I saw," Brincks said. "It's something I'll never forget."

*Adkins is sports information director*



During a snorkeling excursion, Kelsea Cannon '07, Osceola, Iowa, snapped this close-up of a sea turtle.



Aaron Wernimont '09 of Pocahontas, Iowa, lifts his hands in victory as he walks off the mat following a 4-2 win at the annual "Battle of the Burgs" Feb. 1 in Minneapolis, Minn.



Members of the softball team tear down a room in a house on the old U.S. Air Force base south of Waverly, Iowa, as part of the athletic department's "Project KICK" initiative on behalf of Habitat for Humanity.



Brad Schmitt '08 of St. Lucas, Iowa, rips down a rebound in front of the University of Northern Iowa's Brooks McKowen during the Dec. 20 game at the McLeod Center in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Wartburg battled its Division I opponent before the Panthers took an 83-61 win.



# Worth Repeating

## May God bless you

with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships so that you will live deep in your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people and the Earth so that you will work for justice, equity and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer so you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy. May God bless you with the foolishness to think you can make a difference in the world, so you will do the things which others say cannot be done.

—Erin Wright '07 of Mount Vernon, Iowa, read this Jan. 15 at Martin Luther King Jr. Day chapel service, from a prayer by Keith Anderson, academic dean at Mars Hill Graduate School in Seattle, Wash.

## It seems the future

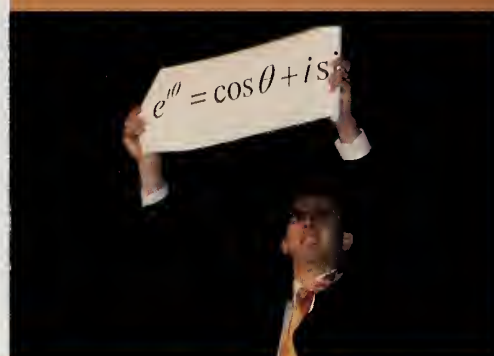
is regularly painted in the bleakest of ways; naysayers lament that things aren't like they used to be, and (say), "What ever happened to the good old days?" Have you ever heard anyone say something like, "What's the matter with this younger generation?" or "These are tomorrow's leaders; heaven help us!" Well, I truly believe each and every one of us gets to choose how we treat people, how we respond to challenges and what type of impact we are going to have on our world. Some people always look at the glass as half-empty. Well, I'm sorry, but choosing to be a realist and pragmatist can be tempered with looking at challenges as opportunities; even with all these challenges, the glass is still half full. You see, I'm actually very excited about our future. Take a look at the characteristics of tomorrow's leaders.

—Dr. Kevin Fiene, chair of the education department, speaking at December Commencement

## I love math.

I love doing math. I love teaching math. I love hard problems with elegant solutions. I love problems that are easy to state but hard to solve. I love the variety of different ways to understand the same concept. ... Because as a math teacher, if I'm not passionate about math, who will be?

—Dr. Brian Birgen, recipient of the 2007 Chellevoid Excellence in Teaching Award, speaking April 3 at the Excellence in Scholarship and Teaching Convocation



Dr. Brian Birgen

## If you wake up

in a red room with no windows or doors, don't panic; you're in my heart. In our hearts, let us store up room for the poor, homeless, jobless. In our hearts, let us send a notice of eviction to past judgments, past fears and past bias that try to stop us from loving. Know that the power of our voices can redirect easy truth—shift and shape the world you want it to be.

—From an original piece by James McDowell '07 of Coral Springs, Fla., which he performed Jan. 15 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day chapel service



From left: Erin Wright '07, Seth Williams '08 of Largo, Fla., and James McDowell '07 deliver the message during the Martin Luther King Day chapel service.



## Have you ever

thought about why people give to Wartburg? It's not about need. Everyone has needs. It's not about obligation, either. Obligation comes from the head, not the heart. People give when they believe in you. They see where you are going and want to help you get there. Genuine giving is all about fulfilling dreams. Money is just a tool to make them happen.

— James Waterbury, vice president for institutional advancement, Allen Health Systems-Waterloo, Iowa, speaking on behalf of the McElroy Trust at the Distinguished Professors Endowed Chairs Convocation, Oct. 24

## I believe

in giving out your roses while they're alive. You have to expand your horizons; live your life—don't rehearse it.

— Playwright David Barr III, speaking at Convocation Feb. 20

## During my

college years, I was touted as "Wartburg's No. 1 fan." I dressed up completely in orange and black, painted my face—the whole works! During my senior year, we played the University of Northern Iowa men's basketball team at the UNI-Dome. At halftime, the mascot for UNI invited me to play one-on-one in front of the biggest crowd Wartburg had played for! He won 4-3, but I did bury a 3-pointer at the top of the key that brought our fans to their feet. That is one memory I'll never forget!

— Erik Russell '90 of Fort Wayne, Ind.

My favorite Wartburg memory is being in the Wartburg Choir and taking the tour to Ireland and England in 1976. Dr. Jim Fritschel '51, the choir director, was sent to the dungeon for eating too much food during a medieval banquet in Killarney Castle. He had to sing his way out. There were no more dungeons after all choir members kissed the Blarney Stone for good luck.

— Dr. Gundars "Gundy" Kaupins '79 of Boise, Idaho



Members of the Wartburg Gospel Choir performed during the Martin Luther King Day chapel service.

## Attitude

determines your altitude.

— The Rev. Dr. Frederick Reese in a speech accepting an honorary doctorate degree bestowed by the college Feb. 20

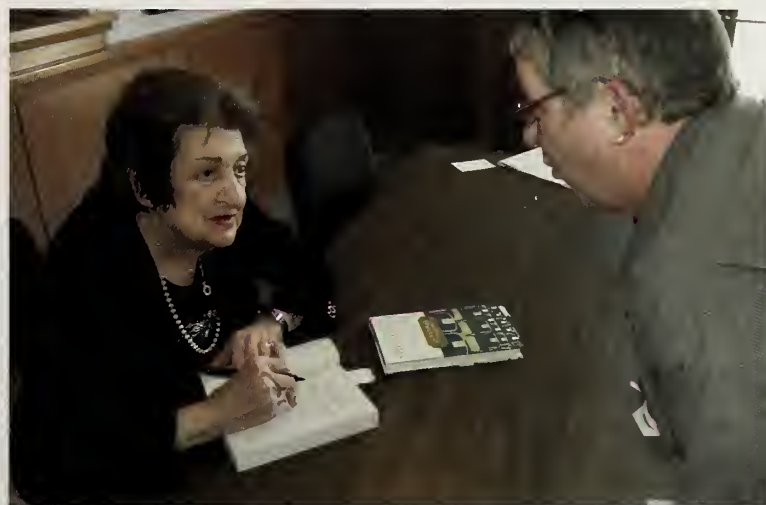


Honorary degree recipient the Rev. Dr. Frederick Reese of Selma, Ala., left, chatted with Walter Reed Jr. '76 of Des Moines, Iowa, at a luncheon following the Feb. 20 convocation.

## Being in Iowa

at this time does raise some questions. No, I'm not running for president—yet.

— Veteran White House journalist Helen Thomas in her opening remarks at convocation, March 20



Helen Thomas signed a copy of her book, *Watchdogs of Democracy* for Dawn Woods '09, a member of the college's maintenance staff.

When (Wartburg) said they were going to raise \$90 million, I said, 'The only thing they are going to raise is the window blinds at the laughing company.' I was \$90 million wrong.

— Former English professor K.D. Briner '61, speaking Jan. 30 after receiving the 2007 Graven Award



**1949**

The Rev. **GILBERT MUELLER**, Yukon, Okla., has retired from parish ministry.

Dr. **ROBERT** and **DOROTHY DAHLSTROM '50 GRONLUND**, West Palm Beach, Fla., had 130 prints from their Gronlund Collection selected for an exhibit, "From Cassatt to Katz," at the Naples Art Museum Feb. 2-April 21. Works from their collection have appeared in exhibits throughout Florida and at Wartburg.

**1956**

Dr. **ROBERT VOGEL**, Lindsborg, Kan., is serving as interim president at Bethany College.

**1959**

**GWENN MUELLER CHERRY**, Hot Springs, Ark., is a retired elementary school teacher.

**1960**

The Rev. **RONALD FREIMARK**, Woodbury, Minn., retired from Trinity Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye.

**1962**

The Rev. **JAMES HUGHES**, Newark, Ohio, retired from Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**DARLENE WEIGHT**, Lexington, S.C., retired in March after 44 years of ministry. She most recently served as administrator for contextual education at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, S.C.

**1965**

**JIM ADAMS**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, retired in October after 28 years at the Logan Avenue Hy-Vee, Waterloo.

**CLEO ELIASON**, McFarland, Wis., retired as bureau director for the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

**SANDY LEHMAN GOBEN**, Branson, Mo., has retired but works one day per week as the "popcorn lady" in concessions at the Dutton Family Theater.



The Burbach family used Annie Burbach's award-winning card as its Christmas card in 2006. It was accompanied by a family photo, showing (left to right): Michael, Annie, Tony Sr. '82, Mary, Libby and Tony Jr. '07.



## Youngest Burbach crafts Christmas card

by Laura Baker '09

Tony Burbach Sr. '82 has a 14 year-old daughter with talent beyond her years. Annie Burbach won first place in a UNICEF card-designing contest for her original drawing.

Annie saw an advertisement for the contest at a Pier 1 store and couldn't pass up the opportunity. She submitted entries the past two years, receiving runner-up awards both times. The contest allows children 13 and younger to create a card showing the child's views and hopes of peace for children across the globe. After three attempts, Annie won the grand prize.

"I wanted to do something colorful and simple and show children coming together in peace," says Annie of her drawing.

The card features a tree with children of all different colors in place of ornaments together on the branches, with stars and snowflakes in the air surrounding the tree. On the trunk, the base and

foundation of the tree, there is a single, bright red heart.

According to UNICEF, two grand prizewinners have their designs reprinted as cards and sold at Pier 1 stores nationwide. In addition, grand prize winners receive \$500 and an all expenses paid trip to New York City for themselves and two family members, where they visit UNICEF and other sights.

All money raised from the sale of the cards is donated to the U.S. fund for UNICEF, which provides lifesaving medicines, vaccines, nutritious foods, primary education, clean water and sanitation and emergency relief in more than 160 countries. Annie's older brother, Tony Burbach Jr. '07, just graduated from Wartburg.

*Baker is a communication studies major from Waverly, Iowa.*



# KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

**1966**

Lt. Col. **KATHLEEN DINKLAGE GARDON**, Santa Fe, N.M., is a retired U.S. Air Force nurse.

**1967**

**BARBARA HUBBARD JAMES**, Costa Mesa, Calif., retired in December as a teacher at Lake View Elementary School.

Dr. **JAMES LUBBEN**, Brookline, Mass., is a professor of social work at Boston College.

**JUDITH WEISS MILLER**, Woodville, Ohio, has retired after 32 years in education. She spent 29 years in special education at Woodmore Schools.



**1968**

**ALBERT MEWS**, Inwood, Iowa, has retired from teaching at West Lyon Community School.

**1969**

**PAUL NELSON**, Montevideo, Minn., was elected Chief Judge of Minnesota's Eighth Judicial District by his colleagues in July 2006. He was appointed as a district court judge by Governor Arne Carlson in 1997 and is chambered in Montevideo. The Eighth Judicial District is comprised of 13 counties in west-central Minnesota.

**1971**

**ALLON CADY**, Pleasant Hill, Iowa, is manager at Healing Touch Book and Bible Store.

**DIANE NACKE MATTHIAS**, Buffalo Center, Iowa, has retired. She taught science at Thompson Middle School in the North Iowa Community School District.

**1972**

**SUSAN WILLMS CANTINE-MAXSON**, Concordia, Kan., is an adjunct speech teacher and manages the Brown Grand Theater, a restored 1907 opera house.

**1973**

**LAURIE ROBINSON COGNETTA**, Lake Ridge, Va., celebrated her 40th anniversary as a church organist. She currently serves at Epiphany Lutheran Church of Mount Vernon, Alexandria. She previously served churches in Minnesota, Connecticut, Texas, northern Virginia and Washington, D.C.

**BRUCE LOESCHEN**, Austin, Minn., has been teaching art for 30 years, including the past 15 at Austin High School. Since 1979, he has also created 150 city montages as well as a montage of campus buildings for Wartburg's Sesquicentennial.

**ARNETTE JESSE PINT**, West Des Moines, Iowa, was appointed by the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church as pastor for a new prison congregation at the Iowa Correctional Institute for Women, Mitchellville. The congregation was organized by and for inmates.

**1975**

**PATTI ULFERTS CUTLER**, Hampton, Iowa, is a team director with Hospice of Central Iowa for Boone, Greene, Hamilton, Marshall, Story and Webster counties.

**FREDERICK GRUNKE**, St. Cloud, Minn., was appointed in December as a district court judge in Stearns County by Governor Tim Pawlenty. He began his legal career in 1978 as a law clerk in St. Cloud and is a shareholder in the Rajkowski Hansmeier Ltd. law firm.

**PAUL STEEGE**, Omaha, Neb., is geographic information services manager with Union Pacific Railroad.

**1976**

**ROSALIE GRAFFT AHRENDSEN**, Oxford Junction, Iowa, is Jones County deputy auditor.

The Rev. **MARK URLAUB**, Vinton, Iowa, was honored at a Sept. 17 open house celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination. He is pastor of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**1978**

**JERRY MUNDT**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a broker with American Nationwide Mortgage Co.

**1979**

**DAVE WILKEN**, Odebolt, Iowa, was promoted in October to vice president/regional branch manager with United Bank of Iowa. He manages the bank's Odebolt, Kiron and Arthur offices. He is also real estate broker and owner of Wilken Auction Company.

**1980**

The Rev. **JENNIFER COFFEY HENRY**, LeClaire, Iowa, is senior pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Clinton.

## Three Cups of Tea

by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin



This book has been chosen as the Readings in Common book for the 2007-08 academic year. As a result, all first-year students will read this book in the Inquiry Studies 101 course. The book chronicles Mortenson's journey from "climbing bum" to director of the Central Asia Institute, which is dedicated to building schools for disadvantaged communities in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The book coincides with the college's 2007-08 emphasis on civic engagement.

## Year of Civic Engagement

Wartburg has partnered with Franklin Pierce College of New Hampshire on the "First in the Nation" project focusing on the 2008 presidential election. If you are an alumnus/alumna serving in public office at the local, state or national level, e-mail [alumni@wartburg.edu](mailto:alumni@wartburg.edu). We'd like to compile a list of how many Wartburg alumni serve as mayors, city managers, state representatives and other elected/appointed offices.



# KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

**1981**

**JEAN STROH JOHNSON**, Faribault, Minn., teaches at McKinley Early Childhood Center in the Faribault School District.

**BETSY WELDEN ZENK**, Lakota, Iowa, teaches K-8 vocal and instrumental music in the Titonka Consolidated School District, Titonka.

**1982**

**ANNE FASSE**, San Diego, Calif., is a teens assistant in mental health with New Alternatives.

**CLIFFORD WARDLAW**, Islamabad, Pakistan, is the first resident legal advisor to the U.S. Embassy on detail from the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Minnesota. He previously served at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq.

**1983**

**JOEL DIECKMANN**, DeWitt, Iowa, is president of U.S. Bank.

**1984**

**REBEKAH GERTH ADAMS**, New Hope, Minn., graduated in May 2006 from the University of Minnesota with a degree in mortuary science. She is interning as a funeral director through Kapala, Glodek and Malone.

Steve Botkin and **JILL JEBSEN NOBLES-BOTKIN**, Oklahoma City, Okla., announce the birth of Bali Jalyn, Oct. 28. She joins Nick, Justin, Gerritt and Jerrod. Jill is a certified nurse-midwife with the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

**1985**

**STUART BROWN**, Wausau, Wis., is vice president of product and service with Hurd Windows and Doors.



**KRISTI GRIMES HALL**, Sandy, Utah, is a mortgage consultant with Washington Mutual.

**1986**

**SHERYL OSTMO KENNEDY**, Clinton, Iowa, is a Title I reading teacher with the Camanche Community School District.

**ROBERT** and Amy **NEWBROUGH**, New Hampton, Iowa, announce the birth of Carter Joseph, April 19. He joins Erica, 13, Austin, 9, and Megan, 8.

**1988**

**SANDRA KLINE CRANDALL**, Coram, Mont., won the women's 40-49 master's division and placed second overall in the 25th LeGrizz 50-Miler Ultramarathon with a time of 8:06.46. The race took place Oct. 14 in Hungry Horse.

**JANAE BRAVARD GRIFFITH**, Ankeny, Iowa, is a licensed Realtor and works in the Ankeny office of Iowa Realty.

Rob and **PATTY DRISCOLL HELLER**, Marshfield, Wis., announce the birth of Riley Carl, April 10. He joins Max, 4. Patty is a case manager for the Healthy Birth Program at Saint Joseph's Hospital.

**MICHELLE KIRCHHOF VETTER**, Huxley, Iowa, is a family-based counselor III with Youth and Shelter Services of Eastern Story County, Nevada.

**1989**

**MARK SAYLOR** and Jackie Logemann, Creston, Iowa, announce the birth of Olivia Kate, Sept. 14. She joins Emma, 9. Mark is news director for KSIB AM and FM. He also serves on Iowa Broadcast News Association board.

**1990**

**PETE JOHNSTON**, Ionia, Iowa, has retired from John Deere.

**1991**

**CHRISTOPHER FRIEDRICH**, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a pharmacist.

**DAVID GAY**, Grimes, Iowa, manages insurance call centers for Encompass Heath Management Systems, West Des Moines.

**MIKE** and **MOLLY GEHL '94**

**HORSFIELD**, Eldridge, Iowa, announce the birth of Hannah Jane, Aug. 22. She joins Emma, 6, and Claire, 3.

Ryan and **AMY LEONHART LOCKHART**, Denver, Iowa, announce the birth of William Arthur Daniel, July 31. He joins Sam, 5.

**TROY** and **MINDY KEHOE MOSS**, Johnston, Iowa, announce the birth of Chase Michael, Oct. 16. He joins Cade, 6, Cole, 4, and Cale, 2.

**JEFFERY PANEK**, Urbandale, Iowa, teaches mathematics and coaches junior varsity basketball and football at Theodore Roosevelt High School, Des Moines.

## College Prep 101

**July 13-14**

**noon Friday-  
noon Saturday**



Kent Henning '80

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from Wartburg  
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experts relevant  
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President Kent Henning '80  
Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa

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### Campus Tours

### Financial Planning for College

College Planning Center, Des Moines, Iowa

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Cost: \$25/person, children under 12 free



# KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

Kyle Iboshi and **LAURA THALACKER**, Portland, Ore., announce the birth of Jack Henry Iboshi, Aug. 8. He joins twins Benjamin and William, 2.

**1992**  
**TAMMY SCHARES BEDARD**, Raymond, Iowa, was among the 2006 "20 Under 40" Cedar Valley business leaders profiled by the *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier*. Selection is based on outstanding dedication, success and leadership in business and community.

**SCOTT HENDRICKSON**, Elizabethtown, Pa., completed a Ph.D. degree in political science at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., in August. He is assistant professor of public law and director of the pre-law program at Elizabethtown College. Prior to

returning to graduate school, he practiced law in Minneapolis, Minn.

**DENISE LENNING HILL**, Altoona, Iowa, is in general practice with Whitfield and Eddy law firm. She is also trained in mediation through the American Health Lawyers Association and International Academy of Alternative Dispute Resolution, a registered lobbyist and a practitioner scholar at Des Moines University, where she teaches courses on health law and ethics.

**CHRIS HUMMEL**, Washington, D.C., is director of marketing in the Washington office of Banner & Witcoff, Ltd. He was previously manager of business development at Steptoe & Johnson LLP.

**LISA LaRUE** and Mark Sage, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were married Oct. 1.



## Stretching our resources in the 21st Century



In our everyday lives, each of us tries to squeeze a little bit more out of the budget or stretch our resources a bit further, whether it's at home or work.

That might mean buying a smaller car that gets better gas mileage, eating at a buffet to get more for our dollar or attending that "one day only" sale to get the best buy. The point is, everyone strives to make the best use of their resources as possible, and the Wartburg Alumni Association is no different.

The primary mission of the Wartburg Alumni Association is to connect the Wartburg family "forever." The main way for us to keep our alumni connected is through communication. As you can imagine, that is an expensive proposition with 17,500 alumni. Our goal is to engage more constituents in the life of Wartburg while at the same time providing value to our alumni.

We very much appreciate the support we receive from our alumni around the world and want to ask for your help, but not by asking for money. We need your help in becoming a more efficient organization through the use of modern technology to deliver our communications that keep you connected. In today's world, technology allows us to deliver information to you more rapidly and in a more cost-effective manner.

WAA asks that you provide us with a valid e-mail address to help us reduce printing and postage costs. This will allow us, through reallocation of funds, to provide more programs

and services to our alumni. I also ask that you become a regular visitor to [www.wartburg.edu/alumni](http://www.wartburg.edu/alumni) so you remain current on all of the exciting things taking place at Wartburg and how WAA connects individuals through the Wartburg network on a daily basis.

I promise you that we will be wise and appreciative stewards of the information you provide us. My pledge to you is that if you will assist us and entrust us with your e-mail address, we will do our best to provide you useful and pertinent information. If at any point in time you feel there are certain types of communications you don't want to receive, just contact us. We will code your file to reflect your personal desires.

Our motive is to provide you with information that allows you in your own personal manner to either stay connected or get reconnected to the Wartburg network. As director, I am charged with doing that in the most efficient manner possible, but we need your help. We currently have about 10,000 e-mail addresses of our 17,500 alumni. If you have an e-mail address and haven't provided it to us, please do so.

**Be Orange!**

J. Todd Coleman  
Director of Alumni and Parent Programs



## Cheer for Team Knight Riders on RAGBRAI XXXV

Approximately 31 riders have joined the official Wartburg team on RAGBRAI, July 22-28.

Alumni, parents, friends and current students are among those on the team, with members from Colorado, Minnesota, Missouri, Texas, Wisconsin and Iowa.

You can still be a part of the excitement. Team Knight Riders seeks overnight hosts in Humboldt and Dyersville, Iowa. For more information, check out [www.wartburg.edu/alumni/ragbrai/](http://www.wartburg.edu/alumni/ragbrai/), where you can also order a team jersey, or e-mail Kendra Kehe, director of the annual fund and co-organizer of Team Knight Riders, at [kendra.kehe@wartburg.edu](mailto:kendra.kehe@wartburg.edu) or 319-352-8512.



**TODD LETSCHE** and **NICOLE LANG** '93, Maple Grove, Minn., announce the birth of Allison Claire, Dec. 6.

**BRENT** and Kari **MATTHIAS**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Keela Bre, Oct. 5. She joins Brenden, 10, Kali, 8, and Kira, 3½.

**BILL** and Tami **PETSCHKE**, Bettendorf, Iowa, announce the birth of Parker John, Nov. 10. Bill is a teacher and coach at Bettendorf High School.



### 1993

Dr. **HEATHER FRAGODT CASE**, D.V.M., Washington, D.C., completed a master's degree in public health in August. She is serving a one-year Science and Technology Policy Fellowship in the office of U.S. Rep. Rob Andrews, D-N.J.

Miguel and **ANN GORTON EVERSLEY**, Yaounde, Cameroon, announce the birth of Caribe, May 14. Ann is a nurse at the American School of Yaounde.

**AMY RUBENOW GASS**, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a physical therapist at Fountain West Health Care Center.

**DOUG** and Tiffany **HALL**, Winfield, Kan., announce the birth of Katie Jill, Dec. 12. She joins Darren, 2. Doug is head men's basketball coach and assistant athletic director at Southwestern College.

Mark Wohrlin and **RACHEL HOFFMAN**, Rio Rancho, N.M., were married Oct. 7. Rachel is a construction contract administrator for the City of Albuquerque, Department of Municipal Development.

**ANDREW HOWIE** and Kary Moffitt, West Des Moines, Iowa, were married on June 10.

**LEIAN McCONEGHEY KAMMEYER**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is employed by Operation Threshold, Waterloo.

**DeANN DERSCHIED KRUTSINGER**, Forest City, Iowa, is assistant director of financial aid at Waldorf College.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 **BRADLEY KUSSATZ** and Amanda Ingle, Oceanside, Calif., were married July 8 in a wedding that included a U.S. Marine Corps sword ceremony. He is executive officer in charge of U.S.M.C. Bulk Fuel Co. Engineering Battalion at Camp Pendleton.

Tim and **CARA SCHNEBBE ROBERTS**, Williamsburg, Iowa, announce the birth of Andrew Michael, Sept. 21. He joins Austin, 7. Cara is the student support teacher at Lutheran Interparish School.

### 1994

Dr. **GIA BATSON**, Stockton, Calif., is an adult primary care physician with Kaiser Permanente following her graduation from a family practice residency.

**SCOTT GLASER**, Denver, Colo., is venturing district executive for the Denver Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Tyler and **JODIE HEILSKOV KRUSE**, Nassau, Bahamas, announce the birth of Kylie Lauren, Aug. 23.

**JANIECE KUEKER** and Dave Kramer, Fredericksburg, Iowa, were married Aug. 12. Janiece is the director/preschool teacher at Fun in the Sun Daycare and Preschool.

### 1995

**NICOLE JOHANNINGMEIER BRUENE**, Urbandale, Iowa, is a marketing consultant with The Members Group.

**D.J.** and **DEB WILKINSON** '96 DuBOIS, North Liberty, Iowa, announce the birth of Blake Daniel, Oct. 11. He joins Garrett, 3½.

**JEREMY JOHNSON**, North Liberty, Iowa, is a lab specialist with Genencor International, Inc., Cedar Rapids.

**ANN GUETZLAFF KIRCHNER**, Janesville, Wis., teaches first grade at Harmony Elementary School.

**KATHY MILLER PILLER**, Blooming Prairie, Minn., teaches K-4 special education at United South Central Elementary School, Wells.

**INGA LANG SANFORD** and Dr. **ADAM SANFORD** '96, Frisco, Texas, announce the birth of Johann Nicholas, Dec. 7. He joins Karina, 2½.

**CURT SCHACHTNER**, Grovetown, Ga., was promoted to operations manager at SRP Federal Credit Union, North Augusta, S.C.



# KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

## 1996

**MARK** and Cindy **ALBERTSEN**, Dysart, Iowa, announce the birth of Lucas Walker, Dec. 1. He joins Marcus, 3½.

**KATHLEEN ALBRECHT**, St. Paul, Minn., is director of case management with Keystone Services.

**APRIL EVERDING BEIER**, Maquoketa, Iowa, teaches ninth-grade language arts and journalism in the Maquoketa Community School District.

**JAYNE MOLDE BOEDING** and **JUSTIN BOEDING** '98, Dodge Center, Minn., announce the birth of Evangeline Marie, Aug. 1. She joins Eli, 2.

Tod and **MERRILEE BARTELT FENNER**, Denver, Colo., announce the birth of Paige Mary, Aug. 7. She joins Payton, 2.

**CARA DeBOUR FOLKERTS**, Latimer, Iowa, graduated in May 2006 as a registered nurse. She is a labor and delivery nurse in the Birthways unit of Mary Greeley Hospital, Ames.

**MATTHEW** and **ANGIE BUSCHE** '97 **HANSEN**, Mason City, Iowa, announce the birth of Janae Lee, Oct. 20. She joins Kylie, 4, and Marie, 2.

**MARK** and **EMILY SHEPPARD** '98 **HAUSSMANN**, Mount Vernon, Ohio, announce the birth of Kathryn Janann, Jan. 2, 2006. Mark is a visiting assistant professor at Kenyon College, Gambier. Emily is a stay-at-home mother.

Dr. **SARAH HAUSSMANN**, Braintree, Mass., is a psychologist with the Marshfield Public Schools.

John and **LAURA RIEFLER HILL**, Charlotte, N.C., announce the birth of Declan Thomas, Oct. 23. He joins Madeline, 3.

**CHRIS** and **HEATHER OLSON** '97 **HOLT**, Hustisford, Wis., announce the birth of Brooklynn Petra, June 6. She joins Trenton, 3.

**SHERYL HAAN KINNEY**, Waterloo, Iowa, is a support coordinator with Cedar Valley Community Support Center.

Dr. **ANN MANN**, Lafayette, Ind., is a pediatrician with the Arnett Clinic.

Drs. **MATTHEW** and Anji **NEIL**, Bettendorf, Iowa, announce the birth of Mason Dennis, Oct. 5. He joins Meagan, 3½.

**RACHEL GLESNE PARTELLO** and **DARIN PARTELLO** '97, Arnolds Park, Iowa, announce the birth of Philip James, June 1. He joins Parker, 2½. Rachel is the Dickinson County coordinator for The Centers Against Abuse and Sexual Assault. Darin is a boat salesman with Park Marina, Okoboji.

**CARLA MANCERA STRACHAN** and Justin Strachan, Vacaville, Calif., announce the birth of Aubrey Michele, Nov. 26.

**AMY LEEHUIS THORESON** and **JON THORESON** '97, Bettendorf, Iowa, announce the birth of Emily Martina, Sept. 24. She joins Ryan, 3. Amy is the community health coordinator for the Scott County Health Department. Jon is a physical therapist with Rock Valley Physical Therapy.

**BREE TRUAX**, Camas, Wash., is director of youth and children's ministries at Zion Lutheran Church.

## 1997

**CASEY** and **HEIDI FRITCHER CHRISTENSEN**, Parkersburg, announce the birth of Henry Thomas, July 29. He joins Cecilia, 4, and Gabriel, 2.

Jon and **SARAH DANNER KING**, Muscatine, Iowa, announce the birth of Owen Lee, Aug. 11. He joins Emily, 2.

**CAITLIN WORLEY NELSON** and **JOSHUA NELSON** '98, Parker, Colo., announce the birth of Andrik Kem, July 7. He joins Greta, 3.

**JULIE PAYNE**, Story City, Iowa, directs the fifth- and sixth-grade bands at South Hamilton Community School District, Jewell.

**CARRIE COOPER STADTMUELLER**, Fort Collins, Colo., is the music director at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

**BLAKE** and Emy **WILLIAMS**, Ely, Iowa, announce the birth of Ashlyn Kay, Jan. 25, 2006.

## 1998

**SARAH ALBERTSON-CORKERY** and Chris Corkery, Cedar Falls, Iowa, announce the birth of Lucy Elaine, Oct. 11.

**KAYLENE CLENDENEN BAST**, Urbandale, Iowa, is a manager with Scheels Sporting Goods.

The Rev. **MATTHEW BODE**, Detroit, Mich., is pastor of Spirit Hope Lutheran Church.

**ANDREW BROCKA**, Centennial, Colo., is a vision therapist with Accelerated 4 Performance.

**SARA CAMERER** and Ted Arrindell, Minneapolis, Minn., were married Oct. 14. Sara is a claims manager with Sedgwick CMS.

**JAMES CRAIG**, Orient, Iowa, is a 6-12 band, vocal, speech and drama teacher at Orient-Macksburg Community Schools.

Troy and **AMY FLEMING ELWOOD**, Mason City, Iowa, announce the birth of Treyton Dean, Oct. 3. He joins Madelyn, 3.

**BRIAN FOLKERTS**, Latimer, Iowa, teaches fourth grade and physical education in the CAL Community School District.

**MASON HARMS**, Forest City, Iowa, is vice president for business and chief financial officer at Waldorf College.

**JANET HODEK**, Ackley, Iowa, is an instrumental music teacher with the Cedar Valley Catholic Schools, Waterloo.

**JENNIFER HOLLAND** and Friedrich Wedmann, Spring Grove, Minn., were married Oct. 11, 2003.

**TOM SMITH**, Clarinda, Iowa, is the high school physical education teacher, head high school wrestling coach and assistant middle school football coach in the Clarinda Community School District.

**PAUL** and **AMY FREESEMAN YEAGER**, Ankeny, Iowa, have accepted new positions in Des Moines. Paul is assignment editor for WHO-TV13, Des Moines. Amy is a financial analyst with John Deere Des Moines Works.

Ryan and **JAMIE TAGTOW ZIMMERMAN**, Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Kaydn Michael, Nov. 21. He joins Tanner, 3. Jamie received her M.B.A. degree from Creighton University in May. She is a senior supervisor for the Federal Reserve Bank.

## orange connection

### In Chicago

Do you live in the Chicago, Ill. area? Are you interested in hosting a Wartburg student during a job-shadowing experience?

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## Being **SILLY** is hard work

by Michelle Caldwell '08

Dan Wardell '98 of Ankeny, Iowa, always wanted to "be silly" and work with kids. Becoming an elementary teacher was his plan until he came to Wartburg and found his way to the communication arts department.

For Wardell, getting an internship at Iowa Public Television the summer following graduation allowed him to merge education and communication arts into a career working with kids. It also gave him a chance to be a role model, teacher and hero to children across the state.

"I think like the kids. I love kids' stuff, I love video games and comics and cartoons," said Wardell.

Today, it's those traits that bring out the best in Wardell's job as host of IPTV's *Kids Clubhouse*.

As a high school student, the native of Maynard, Iowa, acted with his buddies, which perhaps led him to the television world.

"We would recreate scenes of *Star Wars* in the back garage while most people attended the football games on Friday nights," said Wardell.

In college, Wardell aspired to work with Jim Henson's Muppets. He and college friends began to do a radio program, *Crazy Days Kid Show*, at Wartburg, making up stories and doing silly stuff kids would enjoy. It developed into a huge success, and the show still runs in the Des Moines area from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays. The show is then podcast on iTunes, which has brought callers from the nation and from Sweden, Australia and Great Britain.

Once he changed his college major from elementary education to electronic media and public relations, Wardell joined the Wartburg Television and KWAR radio staffs. Another internship gave him the opportunity to work with Iowa television legend Grant Price, Wartburg professor emeritus of communication arts, in making the documentary, *Opening Up a Whole New World*.

His work with Price prepared him for his post-Wartburg internship at IPTV. Following his internship there, he pushed IPTV producers to put him on the air. His persistence proved to be worthwhile for Iowa kids and their parents, and *Kids Clubhouse* became popular immediately. On the show, Wardell talks about health and fun, educational things for kids to do.

"If you have something you love, you have to make it happen," Wardell said. "I went to them and said, 'Put me on air. Just give me a chance.'"

After realizing "chasing ambulances and news reporting" was not his ideal job, Wardell decided to stay on at IPTV and took a position as a producer and director with the nonprofit organization.

Though his workday is not the typical "9 to 5," Wardell said his love of the kids makes his job a cut above the rest. Outside of the office he attends one to two events a week, from zoos and Living History Farms to promotional appearances.

"We do a lot of tie-ins to the shows. We might do a reading program or travel across the state to libraries. I'm kind of like Spider-Man; 'with great power comes great responsibility.' I can influence kids and educate them," said Wardell.

Because IPTV is state-run and the citizens of Iowa keep the station on air, Wardell said everything has to be closely tied to education, demonstrating imagination and creativity. That gives Wardell even more incentive to get children interested and educate them at the same time.

Most recently, Wardell persuaded his producers to give him a chance to move onto the World Wide Web through podcasts.

The short shows, "Dantastic You Do's," hosted by Wardell, show kids how to make everything from sock spiders to pretend alligators using household supplies parents can craft

with their children.

"[My producers] were a little skeptical, so (the programs) were made just for online," said Wardell. "But they have turned out to be very successful."

While he was in college, friends and family members questioned his interest in radio and television and whether the fields were viable professions. However, he now knows radio and television have led him to the opportunities he has today. Wardell is grateful for the chance he has to serve families.

"I love the fact that every morning I get up and there's an adventure waiting for me. I love my job. Since I told myself I was going to do something I love, it's only been good for me," Wardell said.



Caldwell is a communication arts major from Washington, Iowa.



# KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

## 1999

**HEATHER ARCAUTE** and Brandon Starr, Maquoketa, Iowa, were married Sept. 18.

**AMY GEERTSEMA BEACH**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, teaches eighth-grade language arts at Harding Middle School.

**TOM BOWMAN** and Kristine Lewis, Bettendorf, Iowa, were married Nov. 4.

**RACHEL CHAPUT**, Greenwood Village, Colo., is a therapist/social worker with Aurora Mental Health Center.

**SARAH SCHNEIDER EIKENBERRY**, Center Point, Iowa, is a physical therapist with the Buchanan County Health Center.

**JESSICA FREDRICK** and Scott Beranek, Holmen, Wis., were married Oct. 14. Jess is a medical assistant/educator with Options Clinic, La Crosse.

**MARIAH HURLEY**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, works in implementation analysis with Verizon Business.

The Rev. Dr. William and **HEIDI BERGQUIST INGLE-GILLIS**, Gwent, United Kingdom, announce the birth of Eli, Oct. 17. He joins Isaac, 2.

Dan and **CHRISTEL KUBE JENSEN**, Oakdale, Minn., announce the birth of Jacob Aidan Kube, Dec. 22. He joins Joshua, 1½.

**JON** and **LISA WHITMAN '00 KAMMERER**, Mason City, announce the adoption of Joseph Luis Enrique in Guatemala, March 11, 2006. He joins Caleb, 3.

**STEVEN** and Jill **MEIRINK**, Farmington, Minn., announce the birth of Joseph Michael, Jan. 8.

**MICHAEL** and **HEATHER TUTTLE '00 NEHRE**, St. Louis, Mo., announce the birth of Andrew Frederick, Oct. 6.

Dr. **SARA BAKER NETZLEY**, Morton, Ill., is a professor of journalism at Bradley University, Peoria.

**JOSHUA** and Jennifer **NUNEZ**, Searsboro, Iowa, announce the birth of Viviane Mae, Sept. 16.

Brian and **KIM LUHMAN SLATER**, Denison, Iowa, announce the birth of Mayah Ann, Nov. 8. She joins Hannah, 3. Kim completed her master's degree in education at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, in summer 2006.

**CORY** and Tori **STAFFORD**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Cale Robert, May 28. He joins Reese, 5, and Sasha, 3.

**LEAH STUMME**, Duluth, Minn., is the salon director at Shear Katz Salon and Day Spa.

**HOLLIE CARLSON WICKER**, Madrid, Iowa, graduated from Des Moines University in August with a Master of Science degree in physician assistant studies. She is with Mercy West Family Practice and Urgent Care, Clive.

## 2000

**DUANE BIERMAN**, Iola, Kan., was elected 2006-07 president of the faculty senate at Allen County Community College. He was inducted as an honorary member of Kappa Kappa Psi, a national honorary college and university band fraternity.

Ed and **RACHEL WALKER CORPUS**, Albia, Iowa, announce the birth of Olivia, June 9. Rachel teaches 5-12 vocal music teacher in the Albia Community School District.

Dennis and **MARIA REIMERS DEMSKI**, Bellevue, Neb., announce the birth of Nathan Jax, Aug. 24.

**ANDREW DITMARS**, Phoenix, Ariz., is an inside sales supervisor with DHL, Tempe.

Curt and **COLLEEN BEARBOWER FANGMAN**, Walker, Iowa, announce the birth of Gavin McKeever, Sept. 11. Colleen is a kindergarten teacher at Center Point-Urbana Community Schools.

**TIM** and **MOLLY MASON '01 FLYNN**, Washington, Iowa, announce the birth of Beau William, May 6.

**CAROL KUENNEN GAUL**, Altoona, Iowa, teaches first grade at Saint Francis of Assisi School, West Des Moines.

**KELLAP** and **SOMMER BAXTON GRANT**, Waterloo, Iowa, announce the birth of Sydney Annmarie, Sept. 9.

**ROBYN BRENT JOHNSON**, Ankeny, Iowa, earned a master's degree from Viterbo University, La Crosse, Wis., in summer 2006.

Luke and **KELLY SCOTT KUYPER**, Covington, La., announce the birth of Rylie Johanna, July 26. She joins Kenedie, 1½.

**TIM** and **BETSY WILLER LAMBERTSEN**, Waukee, Iowa, announce the birth of twins, Gavin Daniel and Drake Anthony, Nov. 27. Tim is a primary counselor at Mercy Hospital. Betsy is an employee relations consultant with Wells Fargo.

The Rev. **NATHAN LIEDTKE**, Waupaca, Wis., was ordained in June 2006 and accepted a call as a youth and family pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church. He is married to **KERRIE LARSON '98 LIEDTKE**, an attorney in Iola. They are the parents of Benjamin, 2.

**AL** and **JAYME O'ROUKE MEWS**, North English, Iowa, announce the birth of Ada Helene, April 18. She joins Clara, 3, and Gwen, 1. Al is a sixth-grade teacher, assistant varsity football coach and seventh-grade basketball coach at English Valleys Community Schools. Jayme is a social work graduate student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**ERIC** and **KELLY WENNDT '01 NOREN**, Atlanta, Ga., announce the birth of Ella Grace, Nov. 22. Eric is a financial analyst with Alston & Bird, LLP. Kelly is an advertising manager for Porsche Cars North America.

**JENNIFER NOYES** and Jeff Rowdon, Minneapolis, Minn., were married Oct. 21. Jennifer is executive of event ministry with Youth Encounter.

**KRISTEN ERICKSON ROBERTS**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a development officer at Coe College.

Dr. **MIKE SCHWEMM** and Anne Wellman, Iowa City, Iowa, were married Nov. 25.

David and Dr. **SHANA TEDLIE STELZER**, D.V.M., Shawnee, Kan., announce the birth of Benjamin David, July 7.

Alan and Dr. **JENNIFER HANCOCK WANG**, Westwood Hills, Kan., announce the birth of Davin Thomas, Sept. 16. Jennifer is finishing her final year of pediatric residency.

## 2001

Scott and **EMILY O'BRIEN DALEN**, Lake Park, Iowa, announce the birth of Ava Lauryl, July 26. She joins Jack, 2½.



Scott and **SONJA ANDERSON GERSTENBERGER**, Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Lucas Scott, Sept. 3.

**MARK HARGRAFEN** and **KATE GAMMELL '00**, Ankeny, Iowa, were married Dec. 16. Mark is a first-year nursing student. Kate is a music teacher in the West Des Moines Community Schools.

**JALEEN HARMSSEN** and Chuong Hue Thi, Denver, Colo., were married June 17. Jaleen is employed by Adrienne Vittadini.



## Giving Back? Give us a heads up

We want to determine how many hours alumni donate to community agencies and organizations annually. E-mail [alumni@wartburg.edu](mailto:alumni@wartburg.edu) with the names of the organizations where you volunteer and an approximate number of hours you donate to each organization in a year.



## VIEWPOINT FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS



**Jon Volkert '67**

Home: Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Hometown: Cushing, Iowa

Family: wife, Guyla; daughter, Brooke, an aspiring actress living in New York City

Profession: retired president of John Deere Credit

Education: bachelor's degree in business administration from Wartburg

I lost touch with Wartburg for a number of years. I reconnected with the college when President Ohle and Fred Hagemann ('67) approached me about serving on the Board of Regents.

Today, I feel very strongly about Wartburg College; I believe much of my success is attributed to my Wartburg College experience. I say "experience," not "education," because the experience had much more of an impact. I graduated from high school in northwest Iowa, and there were 15 people in my graduating class. Wartburg was perfect for me and prepared me for what came next. The opportunity to attend a small college is a wonderful experience for those who choose it.

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**JUSTIN GALBRAITH** and Melissa Thompson, Waterloo, Iowa, were married Oct. 22, 2005.

**AMBER WICHMANN HALVORSON**, Marysville, Iowa, is a special education and intervention specialist at Maryville Middle School.

**DAMON HAMMEL**, Eyota, Minn., is a mathematics teacher and assistant wrestling coach in the Dover-Eyota Public Schools.

**MEGAN RODGERS HORMAN**, Lowden, Iowa, teaches second grade in the North Cedar Community School District.

**LAURA NEPTUN JELINEK**, Naperville, Ill., teaches instrumental music at Hufford Junior High School, Joliet. She was elected festival chair for the 2007 and 2008 IMEA District I Festivals.

**ERIKA KNOROVSKY**, Denver, Colo., is assistant activities director with Northstar Nursing Home.

**MARTY** and **CHRISTA FECHNER '02 LEARY**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Madeleine Louise, Aug. 1. Marty is a district manager for American Buildings Company. Christa is the marketing associate for First National Bank of Waverly.

**TARA MALCOM** and Nathan Hilppre, Greenfield, Iowa, were married July 22.

**MINDY MEYER**, Alexandria, Va., is the creative producer for Mobile Posse, McLean.

**BLAIR SANDERSON** and **SARAH FOELSKE**, Denver, Iowa, were married July 29. Blair is a purchasing manager with Hawkeye Metal, Jesup. Sarah is a pharmacist with Meyer Pharmacy, Waverly.

**KARA MEYER SHANNON**, Readlyn, Iowa, is the Title I remedial reading instructor at Fairbank Elementary in the Wapsie Valley Community School District.

**SARAH B. THOMSEN** and John Gillespie, DePere, Wis., were married July 1. Sarah is the 4 p.m. news anchor at WBAY-TV.



**MICHAEL** and **MAREN KIESZKOWSKI TRETTIN**, West Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Ethan Michael, Aug. 28. Michael was promoted to audit manager with KPMG LLP.

Tyson Morio and **JANELLE YOUNG**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married Oct. 28.

**2002**  
**JAMIE BREITBACH**, Scottsdale, Ariz., is a project manager with Barrett-Jackson Auction Company.

**HILLARY ERICKSON**, Nashville, Tenn., is completing a master's degree in organizational leadership at Vanderbilt University.

**KATHRYN FONKEN**, New York, N.Y., is an events coordinator with Hearst Corporation-Magazine Division.

**SARAH GROH** and Steve Graham, Dubuque, Iowa, were married Aug. 13 in the Wartburg Chapel. Sarah works as a human resources manager.

**MATTHEW HABERKORN**, El Mirage, Ariz., is a lab technician with Phoenix College.

**ASHLEY HOPKINS**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a social worker with the Department of Human Services.

**NICK** and **AMY SCHARNHORST HOWELL**, North Liberty, Iowa, announce the birth of Nolan Quinn, Jan. 9.

**ERIKA LAMB** and Capt. Brandon Cave, Clarksville, Tenn., were married Dec. 30. Erika works remotely as administrative director for the Eastern Music Festival, Greensboro, N.C.

**CHRIS LANGE** and Jenn Hoffman, Des Moines, Iowa, were married May 28. Chris works in the customer service department at Principal Financial Services.

**MATTHEW** and **LAURA KLECKNER LANGRECK**, St. Paul, Minn., announce the birth of Jackson Lake, Oct. 19.

**BROOKE BURRAGE TIMMER**, West Des Moines, Iowa, graduated with honors from Drake University Law School. She received the Most Outstanding Senior Graduate award from the faculty and Most Outstanding Leader award from students in the 3L class. She is an associate attorney practicing employment law with Fiedler & Newkirk, P.L.C., Johnston.

**MIKE** and **SARA STENSLAND TRUESDELL**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Claire Elizabeth, Oct. 6. Mike teaches first grade at West Cedar Elementary School. Sara is vice president of development and marketing with Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community.



# KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

**NATHAN WEAR**, Fairfield, Iowa, is the K-5 principal at Pence Elementary School.

**LYNNE TERBEEST ZOULEK**, Washington, Iowa, is community outreach coordinator for the Washington Community School District.

## 2003

**PAMELA ANDERSON**, Menomonee Falls, Wis., graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in May 2005 with a master's degree in history with a specialization in public history and certificate in museum studies. She works at the Harley-Davidson Corporate Archives, Milwaukee, and Old Falls Village Historical Park and Museum, Menomonee Falls.

**AMY CMELIK**, Waverly, Iowa, teaches Spanish at Waverly-Shell Rock High School.

**ELLEN DANE** and Christopher Young, Philadelphia, Pa., were married July 8.

Matt and **JACQUELINE MEIER GALLUS**, Winsted, Minn., announce the birth of Malaika Ann, June 29.

**BEKKI GIESE** and Alex Staack, Waverly, Iowa, were married Oct. 7. Bekki is a catering supervisor at Wartburg College.

**GRETCHEN CUTTER HANDFELT**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a loan consolidator with Veridian Credit Union.

**MELISSA JEPSON**, Whiting, Iowa, teaches K-5 music in the West Monona School District, Onawa.

**CHARLES KULSMAN**, Fuquay Varina, N.C., is director of youth and children ministries at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church.

**JAMES** and Leslie **MAY**, Waterloo, Iowa, announce the birth of Jaylin Caydence, Nov. 2.

**SARA MONSON** and Andrew Skarda, Janesville, Wis., were married Oct. 21. Sara works from home as a medical claims specialist with Humana Insurance Company.

**JARED NICOL** and Toni Christianson, Urbandale, Iowa, were married Nov. 25.

**STEPHEN ORSBORN**, Waterloo, Iowa, announces the birth of Stephen Jaxyn Carter, Dec. 1.

**KYLE RECKER** and Jill Edwards, Pleasant Hill, Iowa, were married May 6. Kyle is a production manager with Pella Corporation.

**JAIME SCHMIDT** and David Dringenburg II, Towson, Md., were married Oct. 28. Jaime is a music teacher and orchestra director at Friends School of Baltimore.

**MATTHEW** and **MELISSA BOEVERS SIMON**, Abingdon, Va., announce the birth of Naomi Lee, Aug. 23.

**SALLY SIMONS** and Justin Leitch, Iowa City, Iowa, were married Dec. 16. Sally is in her final year of medical school at the University of Iowa.

Amos and **KRISTY SHEPPARD TOKHEIM**, Mankato, Minn., announce the birth of Emma Jean, May 8.

**JENNIFER ZUMBACH** and Matthew Tyson, Minnetonka, Minn., were married Sept. 2.

## 2004

**JULIA BAKER**, Denver, Colo., is the owner and operator of Just Business, which provides personal concierge services.

**NATHANIEL BECKER**, Waverly, Iowa, is a graduate student in applied physics at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, and works at Affina.

**ANGELA BROCKSCHINK** and Ben Corrigan, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married Aug. 12.

**KAI BROST**, Waverly, Iowa, is doing volunteer work.

**BRIAN DOYLE**, West Des Moines, Iowa, has a management position with Wells Fargo Financial.

**MAGGIE GIBNEY** and Jason Atkinson, Independence, Iowa, were married Oct. 20. Maggie is youth director at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**MITCH GROEN** and **JADE HOLST '06**, Central City, Iowa, were married Oct. 28.

Kevin Hejtmanek and **LAURA HADEN**, West Des Moines, Iowa, were married Aug. 19.

**CRAIG HEMSATH** and **BRYNNA GARRETT '05**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were married Oct. 14. Brynna teaches social studies and Spanish in the Gladbrook-Reinbeck Community School District. Craig is a graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa.

**KARINA JORGENSEN** and Aaron Van Wyhe, Milford, Iowa, were married Oct. 14.

**CODY KELLEY** and Jessi Worrell, West Branch, Iowa, were married March 18, 2006. Cody is an endoscopy specialist for Stryker at Mercy Hospital, Cedar Rapids.

**JACOB KOHLHAAS** and **KELLY BIELENBERG '05**, Chicago, Ill., were married Sept. 30.



**ANGELA CONNELL LAACK**, Mason City, Iowa, is an account development representative with TeamQuest Performance Software.

**JULIE MOELLER**, New Berlin, Wis., graduated in August 2006 with a master's degree in social work from St. Louis (Mo.) University.

**JULIE ORTNER**, Jesup, Iowa, teaches kindergarten and coaches volleyball at St. Athanasius Elementary School.

**HEIDI SCHRAMM** lives and works in At-Tuwani, Palestine.

**MATTHEW STOFFEL** and **SARA PHILLIPS '05**, Murray, Ky., were married July 15.

## 2005

**MAGGIE ANGELL** and Aaron Oates, Eldridge, Iowa, were married Sept. 16. Maggie teaches fifth- and sixth-grade instrumental music in the Calmus-Wheatland Community School District, Wheatland.



## Are you an entrepreneur?

If you have started your own business or invented a new product, e-mail [alumni@wartburg.edu](mailto:alumni@wartburg.edu) to let us know. The Wartburg business administration and economics department and Alumni Association will attempt to identify alumni entrepreneurs to be guest lecturers in classes and at alumni events.



# KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

**JILL KOCH**, Kansas City, Mo., completed her master's degree in education and teaches fourth grade at Alexander Doniphan Elementary School in the Liberty Public School District.

**ANGELA KOHLHAAS**, Notre Dame, Ind., received the 2006 Richard Sady Prize, awarded to the top second-year graduate student in mathematics at Notre Dame University.

**KARI LANGE**, Wes Des Moines, Iowa, is a resident life coordinator with Wesley Acres Retirement Community.

**JOSH MEYER**, Garwin, Iowa, teaches fifth grade at GMG Community School, Green Mountain.

**TIM MURPHY**, Van Horne, Iowa, teaches high school chemistry and biology and coaches middle school football and middle school track in the Benton Community Schools.

**KATHRYN POWELL**, Des Moines, Iowa, is a cosmetology student at La James College of Hairstyling.

## 2006

**AMY ANDERSON**, Seattle, Wash., is an AmeriCorps member and works as youth voices coordinator with Power of Hope.

**MARTA ANDERSON** and David Muusz, Elgin, Ill., were married May 20. Marta is a developmental therapist with Little Friends, Inc., Naperville.

**TYLER ARCHER**, Ankeny, Iowa, is a credit manager with Wells Fargo Financial.

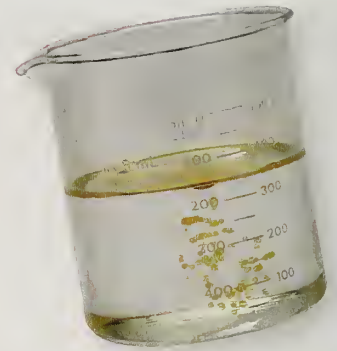
**RACHEL ARENDS**, La Crescent, Minn., is working with Youth Encounter as a missionary in the United States and Ghana.

**KEVIN AULT**, Fort Dodge, Iowa, is a management trainee with Menards.

**PHILLIP BARNETT**, Clarksville, Iowa, is a farmer and district sales manager with Nutech Feed.

**SCOTT BERGMAN**, Pella, Iowa, is a department manager with Pella Windows and Doors.

**MICHELLE BETHEL**, Wichita, Kan., is a case manager with The Break Through Club.



**AIMEE BIGGS**, Sacramento, Calif., is an assistant campaign coordinator with March of Dimes.

**BRANDON BIRD**, Clear Lake, Iowa, is a substitute teacher.



**Ed Engelbrecht, '82**  
President, Wartburg  
Alumni Association

## Orange pride for life

As an active volunteer with the Wartburg Alumni Association, I have been afforded the opportunity to learn a great deal about a place that I thought I knew very well.

Just like you, my professional and personal life keeps me very busy and doesn't allow me to review the information I receive as thoroughly as I would like. My involvement in WAA has allowed me to see my alma mater in a whole new light, and I am very proud of what I have learned.

One of the many things that WAA has discovered is that our alumni take great pride in their alma mater and want the value of their degree to increase. To that end, we heard very clearly that our alumni want to hear and see how Wartburg is contributing to the global community. In addition, they want to not only know where our Wartburg sports teams rank nationally but also where our academic programs are ranked throughout the world. For instance, did you know that Wartburg is ranked as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country??

Please visit [www.wartburg.edu/alumni](http://www.wartburg.edu/alumni) on a regular basis to see the exciting things that are happening at your alma mater.

In an effort to provide our alumni with information about the exciting initiatives taking place at Wartburg, you will receive an e-mail two times per year from me titled "Orange Pride."

In it, I will attempt to highlight some items we should know and take great pride in communicating to others.

We need each of our 17,500 alumni around the world to be vocal ambassadors for Wartburg College and indicate our pride in being a Knight! Being a Knight is unique and a moniker we should take great pride in.

WAA provides funding to support student recruitment and scholarships. I have had the opportunity to meet some amazing faculty who are doing cutting edge teaching and research. WAA has become more visible on campus, and through that involvement I have met many wonderful, outstanding students as well. As alumni, we should be very proud of the caliber of student attending Wartburg; the value of our degrees increases daily!

As WAA president, I interact with alumni throughout the world. Each individual, through their own success, brings recognition to our college. Be a proud Knight and make sure each person you come in contact with knows that you bleed Orange and Black!

*Ed Engelbrecht*

*Ed and his wife, Carla, live in Pella, Iowa, with their daughters, Erika, Allison and Leah.*

**Be  
Orange**



# KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

**VALDETE BERISHA-KRASNIQI**, Alexandria, Va., is a research assistant with International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, D.C.

**KILEY BROADWAY**, New Sharon, Iowa, is a media coordinator with Mahaska Communication Group, Oskaloosa.

**MEGAN BUFFINGTON** and Jeramy Steinecke, Davenport, Iowa, were married Oct. 21.

**MELISSA BUTTRY**, Shenandoah, Iowa, is an international runner for Reebok.

**ALLISON DAVIS**, Manson, Iowa, works for Fort Dodge Animal Health.

**JEFF ERHARDT**, Denver, Colo., works in quality assurance testing for Spherion.

**MARY FULLER**, Lincoln, Neb., is a graduate student in the Union College Physician Assistant Program.

**TIM GEARHART** and **CARRIE JO CORPSTEIN '06**, DeWitt, Iowa, were married Oct. 28.

**SARAH GEORGE**, Lockport, Ill., works for Devry University. She is also enrolled in Devry's Keller Graduate School of Management, working on an M.B.A. degree in educational management.

**ADAM HAIGHT** and **WENDY PERCIFIELD '06**, Peoria, Ill., were married Aug. 5. Adam is an admissions representative with Bradley University. Wendy is a high school cheerleading coach.

**TIMOTHY HOEKSTRA** and **ANNE BONSALL**, Mankato, Minn., were married July 15 in the Wartburg Chapel.

**RACHEL THURSBY JOHNSON**, Iowa Falls, Iowa, is a music therapist with Cedar Valley Hospice, Waterloo.

**ASHLEY KNUTSON** and **ADAM KIRCHHOFF '06**, Austin, Minn., were married Sept. 16 in the Wartburg Chapel.

**LARA BOWMAN**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is with Holmes Marketing.

**JODI CARROLL**, Elberon, Iowa, teaches first grade in the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District.

**SETH CLARKSON**, Gumi City, South Korea, teaches English as a Second Language with the Global Foreign Language Institute.

**DANIEL COOLEY**, Iowa City, Iowa, is a graduate student at the University of Iowa.

**NATHAN COUNTRYMAN**, Algona, Iowa, is a community reporter with Algona Publishing Co.

**SCOTT CROSS**, Des Moines, Iowa, is a manager trainee with Enterprise.



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**LEVI CUTLER**, Brooklyn, Wis., is a financial associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Madison.

**ANNIE DASEN**, Boone, Iowa, teaches fourth grade in the Boone Community School District.

**JOHN DEIBNER-HANSON** is a volunteer with AmeriCorps, Hopland, Calif.

**MEGAN DeMEULENAERE**, Iowa City, Iowa, is a STAR outreach service coordinator with Shelter House.

**EMILY DIEKER**, Washington, D.C., is a graduate student at George Washington University.

**DELFORD DOHERTY** and **STEPHANIE BATY**, Minneapolis, Minn., were married July 29.

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## Do you have a cool job?

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FEEDBACK



# KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

**ANDREW DRYSDALE**, West Des Moines, Iowa, is in sales with Fitness Sports, Ltd.

**ALEX FELDT**, Glasgow, Scotland, is a graduate student in the Master of Letters in Philosophy program at the University of Glasgow.

**KATHRYN FOX**, Des Moines, Iowa, is a rehabilitation aide with Mercy Riverside Rehab.

**KYLE FOX**, Davenport, Iowa, teaches physical education and health at North High School in the Davenport Community School District.

**MATTHEW FOX**, Waverly, Iowa, is a quality control chemist with Hydrite Chemical Company, Waterloo.

**CASSANDRA FRUSH**, Austin, Minn., is an associate programmer analyst with Hormel Foods Corp.

**CHARLES FUNARO**, Winterset, Iowa, is a crew leader with Timbercraft Construction, Inc.

**JESSICA GRASBY**, Williamsburg, Iowa, teaches K-12 general music and high school vocal music in the Williamsburg Community Schools.

**MICHAEL GREENWALD**, Iowa City, Iowa, is a delivery coordinator with Menards.

**ALYSSA HEINE GROOM**, Coggon, Iowa, teaches kindergarten at Coggon Elementary Center in the North Linn Community School District.

**SARAH GUHL**, Des Moines, Iowa, works in customer service with Multi Media Imaging.

**KATJA HALVERSON**, Chicago, Ill., is an account executive with Magnani Continuum Marketing.

**ERIC HANSON**, Altoona, Iowa, teaches mathematics at Brody Middle School, Des Moines.

**COREY HELLAND**, Lakeville, Minn., is a writing and research analyst with 1543AD, Minneapolis.

**JASON HERWIG**, Grinnell, Iowa, is a claims adjuster with Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company.

**JOSHUA HICKEY**, Waterloo, Iowa, works in debt collection with the CBE Group.

**MEGAN HILL**, Kita Koshigaya, Japan, is an English teacher with AEON Corp.

**SCOTT HILL**, Wauconda, Ill., is a financial accounting analyst with Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire.

**TINA HINZ**, Waterloo, is an intern with the *Des Moines Register*.

**MELANIE INGWERSEN**, Frederika, Iowa, works at the Waverly Health Center, Waverly.

**BETSY JASS**, Ames, Iowa, teaches English at North Polk High School, Alleman.

**STACY JOHNSON**, Iowa City, Iowa, is a substitute teacher with the Iowa City School District and a cashier with Target.

**SARAH JONES**, Champlin, Minn., is a graphic designer with The Wirth Companies, Brooklyn Center.

**PAMELA BYRD JORDAN**, Waterloo, Iowa, teaches sixth grade at Hoover Middle School.

**SABRINA JORPELAND**, Creston, Iowa, teaches fourth grade at Creston Elementary School.

**LINDY KAMPMAN**, Ames, Iowa, is a marketing coordinator with JDR Group, Inc.

**JOSH KARSJENS**, Traer, Iowa, teaches junior high mathematics in the North Tama County Community School District.

**HEIDI FLICKINGER KELLEY**, Marion, Iowa, teaches second grade at the Sac and Fox Tribe – Meskwaki Settlement School, Tama.

Nathan Lease and **SAMANTHA KLEVER**, Monroe, Iowa, were married Sept. 30. Samantha is an executive manager with Pella Corp.

**NIKKI LANDENBERGER**, Des Moines, Iowa, is a loan processor with Wells Fargo Financial.

**DANIEL LUEPKE**, Waverly, Iowa, is director of youth and family ministry at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

**BRENNALYNCH**, Ames, Iowa, is a graduate student in higher education at Iowa State University.

**BRYAN MAURER**, Hiawatha, Iowa, is a service representative with Aegon USA, Cedar Rapids.

**KRISTEN McCRAW**, Johnson City, Tenn., is a graduate student in occupational therapy at Milligan College.

**CHAD McDONALD**, Dallas, Texas, is a territory representative with Timm Medical.

**RYAN MOORMAN** and Melissa Pearson, Avon, Colo., were married Sept. 15.

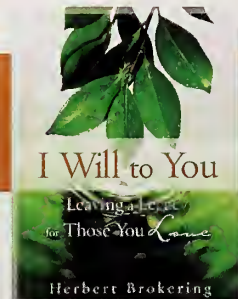
## Books by alumni and faculty



### *Expository Composition: Discovering Your Voice*

By Gary Anderson '80  
EMC Publishing  
ISBN: 978-0-82193-617-7

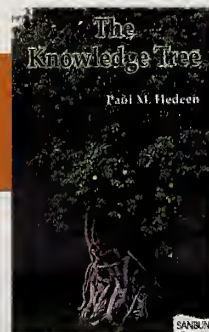
Anderson co-authored this high school writing textbook with Tony Romano.



### *I Will to You: Leaving a Legacy for Those You Love*

By Herb Brokering '45  
Augsburg Fortress  
ISBN: 0806656271

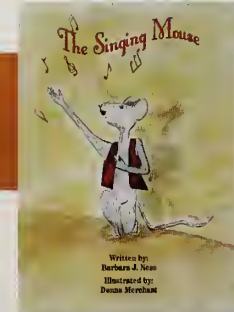
In his most recent book, Brokering considers the legacy he leaves his family.



### *The Knowledge Tree*

By Dr. Paul Hedeon,  
professor of English  
Sanbun Publishing

The novel centers Friedrich "Freddy K" Kaspar, a history professor on sabbatical in Germany.



### *The Singing Mouse*

By Barbara Downing Ness '56, illustrated by Donna Merchant  
2DonnBooks

This richly illustrated children's story is written in verse and features animal characters.

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What  
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reading?



## *Mysteries of the Middle Ages*

by Thomas Cahill

Following the decent into the Middle Ages, Cahill brings us into the light of scholarship, art, literature, philosophy, science and feminism that has become the core of Western society. It's a dense but extremely well-written tome that I can barely put down at night.

*Sally Malcolm, administrative assistant to the vice president of academic affairs*

**KATHRYN MROZ** and Michael Western, Waverly, Iowa, were married Oct. 21.

**JENNIFER MUHL**, Coralville, Iowa, is a general accountant with Marriott International.

**HANS NESTINGEN**, Minneapolis, Minn., teaches 9-12 mathematics at the Minnesota Transitions Charter School.

**MEGAN NIEMAN**, Iowa City, Iowa, is enrolled in the professional Masters in Nursing and Healthcare Practice degree program at the University of Iowa.

**EDWARD PEASE**, Atlanta, Ga., is a enrolled in the Master of Theological Studies program at Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

**MOLLY RICHARDS**, Duluth, Minn., is a sales and catering coordinator with ZMC Hotels at The Inn on Lake Superior.

**MEGAN RIEPMA**, Colorado Springs, Colo., is a personal trainer with Wond Gym.

**JILL ROBERTSON**, Iowa City, Iowa, is a graduate student in pharmacy at the University of Iowa.

**TIM RODEMEYER**, Emmetsburg, Iowa, teaches social studies at Graettinger-Terril High School.

**JESSICA ROSE**, Denver, Colo., teaches physical education at South High School.

**JOSHUA SAMEK**, Garwin, Iowa, is a graduate student in pharmacy at the University of Iowa.

**JENNIFER SCHLIEMAN**, Eagle Grove, Iowa, teaches second grade at Lincoln Elementary School.

**ALLISON SCHMIDT**, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a communications/publications specialist with Iowa Student Loan.

**MICHAEL SCHMITZ**, Des Moines, Iowa, is a software engineer with QCI, Clive.

**STEPHANIE SCHWARTZ**, Berkeley, Calif., is a full-time Lutheran Volunteer Corps volunteer with the Pesticide Action Network North America in San Francisco. She works on the Organophosphate Campaign and coordinates the Affiliates program.

**WYATT SHEEDER**, Chicago, Ill., is a music therapist with Seasons Hospice.

**NICHOLAS SMITH**, Iowa City, Iowa, is a student at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

**REBECCA SORENSEN**, Waverly, Iowa, is a head teacher with Waverly Child Care and Preschool.

**SARA TASKER**, Ames, Iowa, teaches seventh- and eighth-grade science in the Gilbert Community School District.

**BENJAMIN THOMSEN**, Van Horne, Iowa, teaches physical education and coaches football, basketball, track and baseball in the Benton Community School District.

**ANNE VENTULLO**, West Branch, Iowa, is a supported community living counselor with Successful Living, Iowa City.

**KIMBERLY WARREN**, Ames, Iowa, is a personal lines assistant with Knapp Tedesco Insurance.

**MEREDITH WARREN**, Dyersville, Iowa, is director of 7-12 bands at Beckman High School.

**DAISY NDIVA WASHINGTON**, Des Moines, Iowa, is an IT analyst with Principal Financial Group.

**AMANDA WEISS**, Rockwell City, Iowa, is a community service caseworker II with Child Connect, Sioux City.

## 2007 Hall of Fame Inductees

Wartburg will welcome eight new members to the Athletic Hall of Fame Saturday, Oct. 20, during Homecoming 2007 festivities. Inductees will be honored at a dinner and ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

### **Zane Braggs '94**

Houston, Texas

Wrestling

Two-time NCAA Division III All-American; 1994 national champion; and two-time Iowa Conference champion

*Zane is a highway patrolman in Houston area.*

### **Sue Chapman '91**

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Track and Field/Volleyball

Wartburg MVP, 1988 and 1991; four-year letter winner; Iowa Conference indoor champion, 100 meter hurdles, 1991; four-time national qualifier; volleyball defensive player of year, 1991

*Sue is a financial analyst.*

### **Dr. Jamal Fox '96**

Maryland Heights, Mo.

Wrestling

Three-time NCAA Division III All-American; 1996 national champion; and program's all-time leader in wins—158

*Jamal is an optometrist in private practice.*

### **Ted Fritschel '54**

Centennial, Colo.

Football/Basketball/Baseball

Three-year letter winner football, basketball, and baseball; first team all-Iowa Conference, football, 1953; three-year starting quarterback;

*Ted is a former a campus chaplain at the University of Iowa and is now retired.*

### **Ward Prine '86**

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Men's Basketball

Ranks No. 22 all-time in scoring with 1,119 points; played for Iowa Conference championship team, 1982-83; two-time all-Iowa Conference, 1986 and 1987

*Ward is a restaurant owner.*

### **Janette (Jurgensen) Voss '87**

Anamosa, Iowa

Softball

Team MVP, 1988 and 1989; All-Iowa Conference, 1987; ended career with 41 wins, 218 strikeouts, and 1.41 earned run average

*Janette is a partner in the law firm of Remley, Wilem, McQuillen, and Voss.*

### **Gary Ludvigsen '67**

Owensburg, Ky.

Men's Basketball/Baseball

Three-year starter/letter winner in basketball; three-year starter/four-year letter winner as a catcher in baseball; played on conference champion and NAIA district title basketball team as team captain, 1967

*Gary is a retired human resources manager.*

### **Bob Reiter '81**

Littleton, Colo.

Football/Baseball

Four-year letter winner in football; four-year letter winner in baseball; three-time all-Iowa Conference, football; All-Iowa Conference baseball; ended career with .329 batting average

*Bob is president and CEO of IMA, Inc.*

**BARBARA WILSON**, Knoxville, Iowa, is on-air overnight radio announcer with KNIA/KRLS Radio.

**AMANDA WOLF**, Jordan, Minn., teaches second grade at the New Prague Primary Elementary School, New Prague.

**NICHOLAS WUERTZ** and **CHRYSTAL CROW '07**, Ankeny, Iowa, were married Sept. 9, 2005. Nicholas is with Wells Fargo, Des Moines. Chrystal is with Pure Salon and Spa.

**RACHEL ZACCARO**, Dubuque, Iowa, is a graphic designer with Copyworks.

**ANTHONY ZAHASKY**, Rochester, Minn., is a procurement coordinator in the Materials Management finance department at Mayo Clinic.



# In Memoriam



**1925**

**ORRIN CONSEAR**, Surprise, Ariz., died Nov. 23.

**1929**

**MARGARET BREDOW BEAM**, Waverly, Iowa, died Dec. 8. Early in her career, she was a secretary in the president's office of the Lutheran Mutual Aide Society.

**1935**

**ELEANOR WIEDERANDERS GESS**, Prairie du Sac, Wis., died Aug. 31. She taught sixth grade in Toledo, Ohio, and high school Latin and English in Yorktown, Ill. She was also a piano teacher and church organist. She and her husband lived in Benson, Ill., until 1980 and retired in Wisconsin.

**1936**

**MARGARET KUETHE LIEBENDORFER**, Ashland, Neb., died May 7, 2006.

**1941**

**GENEVA D. BAHR**, Spragueville, Iowa, died Sept. 12. She worked at the U.S. Naval Reserve Center in San Pedro, Calif., Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Waukegan, Ill., and Naval Operational Logistics Center in Mechanicsburg, Pa., retiring in 1985.

**1943**

**CARL H. EIBEN**, Amherst, Mass., died Dec. 10. He served as a medic in France during World War II. He went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Iowa and became a seed analyst for the State of Massachusetts.

**NADINE J. FRESE McCOMBS**, Waterloo, Iowa, died April 7. She worked in the department of residence at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, until her retirement in 1985.

The Rev. **FRED SCHERLE**, Lytton, Iowa, died Dec. 29. He graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, in 1946. He and his wife served as missionaries in New Guinea for more than 30 years. He was instrumental in helping native leaders develop the country into the independent nation of Papua New Guinea.

**S. JEAN LYNES**, Waverly, Iowa, died Nov. 16.

**1944**

**GENEVA PRESTON GABEL**, Flanagan, Ill., died March 23, 2005.

**1946**

**MARGARET H. HAHN MANN**, Klamath Falls, Ore., died Aug. 16 of brain cancer. She completed her B.S. degree at Iowa State University and was a former home economics teacher at Klamath Union High School.

**DONALD HOTH**, St. Cloud, Fla., died Jan. 18, 2006.

**LEO H. KERSCHNER**, Arvada, Colo., died July 1, 2006.

**Dr. MARGARET LOSEKE SOMMERVILLE**, Dallas, Ga., died May 2, 2006. She was a retired physician.

**1947**

The Rev. **CLARENCE C. EHLER**, Mudoon, Texas, died April 26, 2006.

**1948**

**JEANETTE A. JUHL BRASE**, Nashua, Iowa, died Oct. 26. She was a teacher and principal at Bremwood Lutheran Children's Home, Waverly, until 1956. She and her husband, the late Rev. GERHARD BRASE '42, served congregations in Nashua, Eldorado, Rolfe, Hanlontown and rural Decorah before retiring in 1989.

The Rev. **CLARENCE A. BRAUER**, Eugene Ore., died Dec. 24, 2005. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, in 1951, then served parishes in Colorado, Iowa and Wisconsin. After moving to Eugene in 1993, he was a visitation pastor at Good Samaritan Care Center.

**1949**

**JAMES A. ZUEHL**, Egan, Minn., died Aug. 31. A retired probation officer, he was a past president of the Alumni Association and served on the Alumni Board from 1972 to 1977.

**1950**

**WALTER C.V. BLOCK**, Wellsburg, Iowa, died Nov. 22. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. He taught and coached at Wellsburg from 1956 to his retirement in 1990. He completed a master's degree in mathematics in 1964 at Illinois Wesleyan College. He was honored in 1977 and 1980 as Track Regional Coach of the Year and was a 1986 Iowa Track and Field Hall of Fame inductee.

**ELOISE BROWNSON MEYER**, Chester, Iowa, died Feb. 14, 2006. She was a retired registered nurse.

**LOIS ZUMMAK STEBBINS**, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, died Aug. 26. She worked in the admissions office at Iowa Wesleyan College and as a bookkeeper at Standard of Beaverdale Lumber yard. She was also an accomplished artist.

**1953**

**ROY PETERSON**, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., died Oct. 12, 2005. He joined the U.S. Army at 17 and served in World War II.

**1954**

**ROGER W. KRAUSE**, Windom, Minn., died Aug. 30. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War. He then attended Augustana College, Sioux Falls, and the University of South Dakota-Vermillion before earning a master's degree in education at Mankato State University. He taught high school math in Windom and later became agency manager for Farm Bureau Insurance Co. in Goodhue and Wabasha counties, retiring in 2004.

**1955**

The Rev. **JACK J. ESKE**, Central City, Neb., died Dec. 13. A graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, he retired in June 1999 as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Clay Center. He previously served congregations in South Dakota, Colorado and Nebraska and did interim and supply preaching in retirement.

**1956**

**DAVID K. BORCHERT**, Amherst, Wis., died May 26, 2005. After earning a bachelor's degree at Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point, he taught fifth grade in Wisconsin Rapids. He then worked in the banking industry for 35 years, retiring in 1994 as vice president of Bank One in Stevens Point. He was a founding member of the Aldo Leopold Audubon Society.

**MARLIN PETERSON**, Mankato, Minn., died Sept. 2.

**1957**

**HELEN L. CERWINSKE FOX**, Plainfield, Iowa, died June 7, 2006. She taught in Plainfield area schools before completing her degree. She went on to teach kindergarten in Janesville and Plainfield before retiring in 1976. She was also a former librarian at the Plainfield Public Library.

**1958**

**JOYCE GAYER WARNTJES**, Rock Valley, Iowa, died Jan. 21. She taught first grade at Rock Valley Community School for more than 27 years before retiring in 1996.

The Rev. **HERMAN A. LEHMAN**, Lake Kegonsa, Soughton, Wis., died Jan. 4. He graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and served churches in Texas, Illinois and Wisconsin.

**J. ROBERT LOSLO**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Jan. 12 of a heart attack. He earned a master's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and an AB degree in photography from Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo. He was an English teacher at New Hampton High School and served in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone for two years. He taught at Cedar Falls High School before retiring in 1997.

**1959**

**KARLA EDGAR BRACKLIEN**, Choctaw, Okla., died Dec. 22 from complications of ovarian cancer. She taught biology for many years.

**AMELIA MARIE PARKER STOLZ**, Belton, Mo., died Jan. 13 at a nursing home. Her memorial service took place in Lee's Summit. She was the wife of the Rev. Henry G. Stolz '53.

**1960**

The Rev. **DALE P. KRONQUIST**, Quincy, Ill., died Oct. 27. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict. After earning an M.Div. degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, he served several congregations. He retired in 1999 after 15 years at Christ Lutheran Church in Englewood, Fla.

**1961**

**ROGER L. STEITZ**, Concordia, Mo., died Dec. 29. He was assistant manager of shoe sales for Factory Brand Shoes/Famous Footwear before his retirement.

**1962**

**ANN FEULNER POPPEN**, Sun City West, Ariz., died Oct. 31 after a four-year battle with arterial lateral sclerosis.

**1964**

**BARBARA J. HANIFAN ZANDER**, Madrid, Iowa, died Oct. 3. She had worked at Tiger Bowl, Madrid Super Valu Grocery Store and the Woodward Golf and Recreation Club and taught piano lessons for several years.

**1967**

**EILEEN BUTZLAFF BURROUGHS**, Greene, Iowa, died Oct. 28. She taught for more than 40 years, beginning in rural schools. She taught at Greene Junior High School before retiring in 1976. She was past president of the Iowa State Teachers Association.

**1968**

**HELEN HINMON SNIDER**, Nashua, Iowa, died Dec. 9, 2003.

**1969**

The Rev. **LESLIE A. LARSEN**, Curtis, Neb., died Sept. 21. After graduating from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, he served parishes in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and Nebraska. He went on medical disability in 2004 and continued to do interim work until his death.

**1975**

**RICHARD HUBBARD**, Woodridge, Ill., died May 9, 2006. He was an American Airlines pilot.

**1976**

**JOYCE BOLEYN CHANDLER**, Oskaloosa, Iowa, died Sept. 1. She and her husband operated a pharmacy in Elgin for 11 years.



She subsequently worked as an administrative assistant in Lake City, Creston and Centerville.

### 1983

Rev. Dr. **KENNETH H. ARNOLD**, Sheldon, Iowa, died Nov. 29. A graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, he earned a doctorate in pastoral care and counseling at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. He served congregations in La Porte City and Rockwell City and was senior pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheldon at the time of his death. He also served on the Candidacy Committee for the Western Iowa Synod.

### 1996

**KIMBERLY JOY GRIMM**, Burnsville, Minn., died Nov. 17. She was diagnosed in 2000 with Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia Purpura. She had completed the radiology program at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale and was enrolled in the MRI Internship Program at the time of her death.

### Associate Alumni Association Members

**ROBERT G. RUISCH**, Waterloo, Iowa, died Nov. 25. He chaired the Wartburg Board of Regents in 1976. An Iowa State University graduate, he retired in 1975 as vice president of Iowa Public Service after 41 years.

**TED HEINE**, Waverly, Iowa, professor emeritus of accounting, died April 22 of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, where he served for 22 years. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1976. He then moved to Waverly and became assistant to the Wartburg president. He began teaching accounting in 1982 and retired in 1996. He was a graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and earned master's degrees from Middlebury College, George Washington University and the University of Northern Iowa. He was also a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Management Accountant. Memorials may be directed to the college's Ted Heine Accounting Scholarship.

## New Alumni Board members

### Suzanne Behnke '97

Des Moines, Iowa  
Employed at the *Des Moines Register*, member of the Wartburg Communication Arts National Advisory Board and Des Moines Knight Club

### Jodi Collen '99

Crystal, Minn.  
Senior event planner for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; alumni speaker for the Wartburg business administration department; former Wartburg women's basketball player; former Wartburg Ambassador

### Shon Cook '91

Twin Lake, Mich.  
Attorney/partner, William, Hughes and Cook; Wartburg Athletic Hall of Fame member; former Wartburg softball player

### Delford Doherty '06

Minneapolis, Minn.  
Pharmacy student, University of Minnesota; former Wartburg International Club president, member of Black Student Union and residence hall assistant

### Amy Harn '92

Winnebago, Ill.  
Director of choirs at Forreston Middle School; former vice president of Wartburg Choir; Regents Scholar

### Kim Hohnensee '88

Broomfield, Colo.  
Choir and orchestra teacher at Rocky Top Middle School; Wartburg West host; reunion committee member; Admissions advocate; former Castle Singers orientation group leader

### Rachelle Johnson '92

Montezuma, Iowa  
President-elect  
Law degree from University of Iowa; served on Wartburg alumni board for three years; Served on Alumni Citation committee; active student leader during time at Wartburg

### Bob Nielson '82

Hermantown, Minn.  
Director of athletics at the University of Minnesota-Duluth; former head football coach, athletic director and admissions counselor at Wartburg; Commission Wartburg task force member

### Lloyd Ziebarth '52

Ocqueoc, Mich.  
50-year class representative  
Retired Lutheran pastor after 42 years; former member of Castle Singers, football team and Wartburg Choir

### Christine Zonneveld '78

Wayzata, Minn.  
Stay-at-home mother with law degree from William Mitchell; former Wartburg residence hall and men's basketball manager



# Chasing the Wind

## Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center will utilize wind power

by Karris Golden '98

Wartburg and Waverly Light and Power have partnered to purchase a wind turbine.

The new turbine will offset the use of carbon-based energy in the new Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center, offering sustainable wind energy capacity.

Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, was on hand at the April 3 press conference to help make the announcement during the college's Earth Week celebration.

Glenn Cannon, general manager of Waverly Light and Power, advised the college as it explored utilizing wind energy in the new sports and wellness center.

"Wartburg joins the ranks of energy innovators today and sets a classic example of community. This is a major commitment to environmental responsibility not only for Wartburg, but for Waverly as well," said Cannon.

Using wind power to offset the energy that will be used in the 200,000-square foot wellness center is innovative, Ohle explained.



At an April 3 press conference, President Ohle used a miniature, solar-powered wind turbine to demonstrate how Wartburg will "turn orange to green" through the use of wind energy.



Waverly Light and Power already uses wind energy (above) to offset the use of nonrenewable resources and hopes to reach the point where it utilizes 20 percent renewable energy by 2020.

"This project puts the college in the company of only a handful of institutions across the nation that have made similar commitments to this type of renewable energy."

The energy agreement comes after years of planning and research.

"As we designed and constructed the sports and wellness center, we sought ways to make this building 'green,'" Ohle said.

The wind turbine project is only part of the college's ongoing effort to utilize resources wisely, said Fred Hagemann '67, Board of Regents chairman.

"This project is exciting, but it is not the first step. Nor is it the last step. It is a signal of Wartburg's commitment to be a careful and creative steward of its resources."

Ohle also announced the formation of an Energy and Environmental Initiatives Task Force comprised of faculty, staff, students and community leaders. The group will provide information about energy and environmental issues and create partnerships between the college and Waverly community. The group will also advise the Wartburg administration on policy development that impacts environmental and energy initiatives.

Golden edits Wartburg Magazine.



# Alumni Citations to be awarded at Homecoming 2007



**Randy Brubaker '80**

*Johnston, Iowa*

Randy is managing editor of the *Des Moines Register*, where he manages a 200-person newsroom. He has worked at the *Register* since 1988 and previously served as digital editor, news editor, sports editor and news assignment editor. As a student, he edited the *Wartburg Trumpet*.

Robert Gremmels '54 of Waverly, Iowa, was a nominator and recruited Randy to attend Wartburg. In his nomination, Gremmels wrote, "Through the years, Randy Brubaker has been one of Wartburg's most active and supportive alumni. Even before his graduation, he assisted with important recruiting publications. On numerous occasions he has returned to the campus to assist with programs and to speak at classes and convocations. Just last year he served on a convocation panel dealing with the First Amendment. He is always available when we need him."

Other nominators included Rachel Riensche '80 of Edina, Minn.; Suzanne Behnke '97 of Des Moines, Iowa; and Randall Schroeder '82 of Waverly, Iowa.



**Ed Droste '49**

*Waverly, Iowa*

Ed retired in 1986 as president of Waverly Publishing Company, now Colorfx. Prior to attending Wartburg, he served 27 months in the 17 Airborne and 82nd Airborne during World War II and was discharged in October 1945. At Wartburg, Ed lettered in basketball, baseball and golf. He transferred to Iowa State University in Ames and completed his degree.

Of being nominated, Ed said, "It is truly an honor and very meaningful to me to receive this honor. Especially so, because I grew up on the campus. I was a "Kraut Hill" kid back in the 1930s, along with the Heists, Engelbrechts, Wiederanders, Neumanns, Swensens (and others)."

Nominated by John E. Meyer, Donald Koehn, Bill Engelbrecht '48 and Al Bahlmann '57, all of Waverly, and Dr. Robert Rubenow '54 of Lenox, Ill.



**Sandra Wendland '73**

*Stevens Point, Wis.*

Sandra is an associate in ministry and director of Christian Education at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Among her nominators was Dr. Walter "Chip" Bouzard, professor of religion. In his nomination, he wrote, "Sandra has devoted her life to service to the church—quietly and without fanfare—living a life of leadership and service as a spirited expression of her faith and learning. In the 30-plus years since her graduation, she has represented her alma mater well—so well, in fact, that two of her daughters were inspired to attend and graduate from Wartburg."

Sandra's husband, Allan '73, and daughters Kristin '00 and Melissa '03 are Wartburg alumni.

Her other nominators were the Rev. Kenneth Knutson of Blaine, Minn., a former co-worker, and Joan Johnson of Stevens Point.

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